

## Russians Capture Several Villages

LONDON (CP)—Red Army troops captured several villages and hamlets in their offensive south of Nevel today and repulsed German attacks in the Zlobin sector of White Russia and in the vicinity of Korosten, west of Kiev, a broadcast Russian communiqué announced tonight.

## Tug Ashore

The tug Gillespie of the Gilley Towing Co. Fleet, New Westminster, went ashore early today on D'Arcy Island, near here, it is reported.

A salvage outfit from the Straits Towing and Salvage, is at the scene, and expects to refloat the vessel today.

## 11 to 13 Missing After Hull Fire

HULL, Que. (CP)—Police Chief J. A. Robert announced late this afternoon that "from 11 to 13 people" still were unaccounted for after an early morning fire which razed the three-story brick Central Hotel here, but he expressed confidence at least some of the missing would be found.

## Ships Sold Out

VANCOUVER (CP)—Canadian Pacific steamship officials reported today every coast steamer plying between Victoria, Seattle and Vancouver, between now and New Year's, has been sold out for two weeks. Additional vessels will be placed on the triangle run, but these, too, are booked to capacity.

## Murder Charged

VANCOUVER (CP)—Robert Logan appeared in police court today and was remanded for one week on a charge of murdering his wife, Laura Logan, who was found stabbed to death in a Vancouver rooming house Dec. 4.

## Lieut. Wilson Killed

VANCOUVER (CP)—Lieut. Dick Wilson, only son of Brig. and Mrs. A. D. Wilson of Vancouver, has been killed in action while serving with the Seaforth Highlanders in Italy, his parents have been advised. His father, a peace-time commander of the Seaforths, was for some time in charge of the Gordon Head Officers' Training Centre near Victoria.

## Vancouver Fair Off

VANCOUVER (CP)—John W. Dunsmeir, president of Vancouver Exhibition Association, announced today Vancouver's annual exhibition will not be resumed before 1945.

## Lieut. D. C. Grant Killed

VANCOUVER (CP)—Lieut. Duncan Coulson Grant of Vancouver, son of D. C. Grant, vice-president of Canadian National Railways, was killed in action with the Seaforth Highlanders in Italy, relatives have been advised.

## British Whaler Lost

LONDON (CP)—The Admiralty today announced the loss of the whaler Santa, commanded by Lieut. J. L. Everett.

## Baby Blackmarket Hinted in Seattle

SEATTLE (AP)—The body of a newborn baby, for which its parents are suing Providence Hospital here in a habeas corpus action, may have disappeared from the hospital morgue into some "black market" for medical research, Attorney Tracy Griffin suggested in superior court today.

## Earthquake Felt

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)—An earthquake of moderate intensity, but strong enough to do considerable damage, was recorded today at the Seismological Laboratory of the California Institute of Technology.

Dr. Beno Gutenberg said the shocks started at 9.04 a.m., lasted a few seconds, and were estimated to have originated in the West Indies.

## F.D.R. Broadcast On CBR

CBC announced today that President Roosevelt's broadcast Friday from 12 noon to 2.30, Pacific time, will be carried over CBR and the Canadian national network. The President will tell of the Cairo and Teheran conferences.

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Boy Finds \$1,000

VANCOUVER (CP)—Billy Chianoff, 9, dropped into the police station today with a packet containing 100 \$10 bills he had found on a downtown street. Pending identification of the owner, officers gave him a \$2 reward.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

## Ortona 'Miniature Stalingrad'

### 'Rocket Gun' Coast Bombed By Big Planes

By E. B. SULLIVAN  
LONDON (AP)—British, Canadian and U.S. bomber forces have been thrown into attacks against the "rocket gun coast" of France, it was disclosed today, with the R.A.F.-R.C.A.F. heavy raiders for the first time diverted from such targets as Berlin for smashes at targets in northern France.

An R.A.F.-R.C.A.F. blow at the French coast Wednesday night made it evident targets of great importance had been spotted and marked for destruction in northern France and along the coast. Today a big force of high-flying bombers crossed the British southeast coast apparently bound for daylight blows at the same targets.

The Pas de Calais area, the part of the French coast nearest England, has been battered incessantly since Monday and the daylight forces evidently were stretching the offensive into a four-day affair.

### NO LOSSES

The R.A.F.-R.C.A.F. armadas hit targets in western Germany Wednesday night, as well as in northern France, and suffered no loss.

The Air Ministry did not identify the objectives of the night raiders that lashed out after a three-day hammering on the fortification-studded French coast and a powerful U.S. heavy bomber blow by daylight Wednesday into northwest Germany.

Mines also were laid in enemy waters.

All this week Allied planes have been hammering Nazi installations in northern France in practically day-long assaults, but apparently this was the first time the R.A.F.-R.C.A.F. heavy bombers had turned from great Nazi targets such as Berlin to join in this drive.

Some quarters in London believe the boasted German rocket gun emplacements in France are the objective of these concentrated raids.

The great forays by day and night Wednesday raised to perhaps 4,000 or more planes the attacking force that has battered Nazi targets in the last three days.

### PICTURES OF BERLIN

The R.A.F.'s first photographs of scarred Berlin after the six heavy bombings started Nov. 18 were issued Wednesday night. They show at least 70 great factories, government buildings and other important structures damaged, the air ministry announced. London newspapers interpreted the damage reported to mean that 40 to 50 per cent of the German capital had been destroyed, with the area of utter desolation already exceeding that of Hamburg. Western Berlin was ravaged the worst.



**BOY SAILORS FROM THE SOVIET**—These young Soviet seamen do a man's job in this war, but give them a dish of ice cream and they become boys again. In port at Seattle, Gena Logovoy, 13; Dura Philipoff, 14, and Allen Fedorkoff, 15, enjoy a delicacy. The Russian boys stand regular watches aboard ship and study for careers in their country's merchant marine. The ship takes Canadian aid to Russia supplies from Victoria and other cities.

### Massed Russ Guns Blaze at Great Nazi Tank Force

MOSCOW (AP)—Gen. Ivan C. Bagration's 1st Baltic army is fighting its way through thick barbed-wire entanglements forming the northernmost defenses of Vitebsk, and at the same time is reaching westward for a stranglehold on the Vitebsk-Polotsk railway, Soviet dispatches from the front said today.

Cutting of the railway to Polotsk would sever Vitebsk's main communications to the west.

To the south massed Russian heavy artillery and mobile guns blazed against a gigantic German tank offensive, one of the greatest of the war.

### 11TH HOUR ATTEMPT

The large-scale enemy attack was sprung Wednesday on a 400-mile front, stretching from White Russia to the Dnieper bend, but front reports said Red Army forces were holding firm on all sectors, and that concentrated artillery fire had destroyed at least 148 of the attacking tanks during the day.

The new enemy counterattack came as an 11th hour effort while Russian pressure increased on the Nazi Vitebsk-Polotsk defense wall farther to the north where Gen. Bagration's army was said to be driving steadily ahead.

The Germans massed their heaviest assaults in the Korosten sector of the Kiev bulge, where for weeks Marshal Fritz von Manstein has been trying to break Russian defenses before the Ukrainian capital city. Despite the fury of the Nazi onslaught, troops of Gen. Nikolai Vatutin's 1st Ukrainian Army held the line and actually improved their positions, dispatches said.

### Silent On 'Shelling'

VANCOUVER—While investigation of the mystery of the "shelling" of the island last Saturday is proceeding, Vice-Admiral Broedur at Pacific Command here will withhold any statement. It was announced by the Navy that all possible explanations of the incident will be probed, including the latest published theory that there was no shelling. From Ottawa today came the suggestion that "it was probably a school of fish, because no sounds were heard, only the appearance of something dropping in the water."

### Christmas Trees Slump

TORONTO (CP)—Christmas tree dealers here today found themselves considerably overstocked and prices dropped to as low as 40 cents. They had been selling at from \$1 to \$2.50. One dealer said he expected to be selling trees at 25 cents each by tomorrow.



**THROUGH MUD AND FLOOD, OUR BOYS FLOW ON IN ITALY**—Winter rains and enemy demolition squads can wreck bridges in the northward path of the Allied armies in Italy, but neither can halt the mechanized advance. In the picture above, a powerful bulldozer, operating in a sea of mud, is pulling a truck and field gun across a swift stream near Termoli. Canadian army men guide the equipment as they follow on the heels of their infantry.

### Roosevelt Moves To Arbitrate U.S. Rail Wages

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Roosevelt today offered to arbitrate the wage dispute between United States railroads and the operating brotherhoods if they would agree to abide by his decision.

A. F. Whitney, chief of the trainmen, said this afternoon he had given the President his answer on the spot when the offer was made in the White House conference earlier in the day.

After the offer was made, all five Brotherhood chiefs convened with their executive committees in a local hotel. Later Whitney and his committee left the general meeting and announced he had given the President his acceptance.

The railway companies this afternoon also accepted the President's offer.

"The war cannot wait," the President told both sides when they reported their inability to reach an agreement, "and I cannot wait. American lives and American victory are at stake."

The President's quoted remarks were made public by the White House. The statement said he was prepared to decide the controversy "immediately," and said his decision "of course must be within the law of the land."

### Ontario Freezes

TORONTO (CP)—Ontario awakened today into the sharp air of the province's coldest weather of the winter.

Temperatures ranged from a teeth-chattering 37 below zero at Killaloe, near Pembroke, to a few degrees above zero in most southern Ontario districts. The northern areas of the province, which seldom have to worry about the possibility there. Christmas won't be white, got a little more snow, but there were only scattered flurries in the southern areas.

### Pope Broadcast Over U.S. Networks

LONDON (CP)—The Vatican radio broadcast an announcement today that Pope Pius XII will celebrate Christmas Eve mass privately at 5 p.m., tomorrow (9 a.m., P.D.T.), instead of at 7 p.m., as he originally planned.

The announcement said the mass would be broadcast and relayed through the Italian radio, along with an earlier Papal radio message. This message to the world is scheduled for 12.15 p.m. (4.15 a.m., P.D.T.).

(NBC and CBS plan to carry the Papal message at 4.15 a.m., P.D.T., tomorrow, followed by an English summary. As far as is known, the CBC will not carry the message.)

### Chief Justice Hurt

VANCOUVER (CP)—Chief Justice Wendell B. Farris suffered minor injuries when his automobile collided with a truck at an intersection here,

### 'Neutral' Spain Wants Voice in Postwar Plans

By HENRY J. TAYLOR

MADRID (By Wireless)—To the end of this war, and afterward, Spain is bent on a course of what you might call dogged individualism.

At least, that seems a fair summary of an extended interview given me today by Foreign Minister Francisco Gomez Jordana, who is regarded in Washington, London and here in Madrid as a forthright representative of Spain, and one who is his country's best hope for the improvement of her relations abroad. However, it turns out that what Gen. Jordana most wants from the rest of the world is a clear understanding—and belief—in Spain's united determination for continued neutrality and independence.

She wishes no part of the conflict, nor is she tempted by any advantages which might be gained cheaply through eleventh-hour alliance with the winning side. Because of her neutrality, and not in spite of it, Spain figures that she should have a voice in postwar readjustment.

"This country, which suffered so intensely and so recently, finds herself still in the early stages of convalescence," said the foreign minister. "Against the background of her own experience, Spain seeks nothing but peace for the world."

"Up to now, we have succeeded in our policy in spite of our geographical situation and the vicissitudes through which the shifting struggle has passed. As the pendulum has swung back and forth between the great belligerent powers in the war, Spain has shown herself unmoved. We hope confidently that the co-related sovereign soils of this peninsula, which represent the Iberian bloc, are respected by no impeachment of our sovereignty, for certainly it should be to the interests of both sides to respect our independence fully."

### 'GERMS OF ANOTHER WAR'

Jordana combined diplomatic language with colorful national metaphor in declaring that Spain's government is not a copy of any other regime in Europe. "We are Spaniards," he said, "and we Spaniards have our own characteristics, which date far back, and which are very dear to us. Spain is not a country without its own roots and its own seedling and its own tasks. We do not need to borrow these from others. We use our own national spirit, known for centuries in every part of the world."

Spain's position of neutrality, like that of Switzerland and Sweden, has been of great service to the warring world, Jordana pointed out, adding: "And Spain's contribution will be even greater and more evident when the struggle ceases."

"It would be a grave error to shut out from the readjustment of the world those countries which have remained outside the conflict—which have done so regardless of how the victory



Gen. Francisco Gomez Jordana, Spanish Foreign Minister

looked at any time in those long years. Their counsel and participation in shaping the new world is indispensable if the world hopes to arrive at a durable peace. To whatever degree any victorious powers have contempt for those they consider weak, to that degree they will create the germs of another war."

Gen. Jordana received me in his office in the ancient palace of Santa Cruz, and in one respect he proved that he is not quite typical of his country's mood and habit. The Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs does not open officially until 4 o'clock in the afternoon—and it closes in the evening at 10, which is the time that all Spain goes to dinner. But the Foreign Minister violates this old Spanish custom by showing up for work, with his staff, at 9 o'clock each morning.

### New Nickel White

OTTAWA (CP)—The 12-sided Canadian nickel of chromium steel, to be issued in 1944, will be white and shiny, easily distinguished from copper coins, finance department officials said today.

The previous 12-sided nickel, of copper and zinc alloy, resembled a copper coin in all but the shape. Announcement of the new nickel was made Wednesday.

### All Firemen Join Navy League

Every fireman in Victoria and Oak Bay has become a member of the Navy League in the drive launched this week for 40,000 new members in Greater Victoria.

Chief Munro of the City Fire Department reports his staff of 75 have all bought memberships, and are out canvassing friends to become members of the Navy League. Chief Claydons of the Oak Bay Fire Department, announces all 16 firemen of the municipality have joined.

Mrs. Gooldeen, wife of Capt. Massy Gooldeen, R.C.N., today commenced plans for organization of the Women's Auxiliary to the R.C.N., whereby members will sell memberships among Victoria women.

### Canadians Suffer Heavy Casualties In Street Battle

By WES GALLAGHER

ALGIERS (AP)—Canadian tanks and infantry fought bitterly in the streets of Ortona for the third straight day with German forces who were turning the tiny Adriatic port into a miniature Stalingrad, an Allied headquarters announcement said today.

On the 5th Army front to the west, U.S. troops captured snow-covered 3,000-foot Mt. Cavallo, 3½ miles northwest of Venafro and near Viticcio, and French forces advanced in a mountain pass where a struggle had raged for several days.

Other American infantry attacking in the rain seized a hill near Monna Casale.

The heaviest fighting surged back and forth in Ortona.

The German 10th Army threw new parachute troops, fighting as infantry, into the battle in a desperate effort to retain its hold on this anchor to the Nazis' present line across Italy. Ortona guards the main road leading north to Pescara, and its capture would cut the German main supply line to troops inland as well as along the coast.

### Stiff Opposition Met Everywhere

Canadian tanks and infantry advanced from house to house, and everywhere were met by fierce opposition.

(Canadian casualties in the Moro battle may be fairly heavy, Ross Munro, Canadian Press correspondent in London, reported.

(Westerners, presumably men from the Seaforth Highlanders of Vancouver, the Princess Patricia's Light Infantry and the Loyal Edmonton Regiment named by Munro as taking part in the Ortona street fighting, gradually drove the Germans toward the northwestern exit on the coastal road to Pescara.)

Inland, troops of the 8th Army continued to push north of the Ortona-Osogna road toward the next lateral highway six miles away, coming up against the fortified village of Ariella, eight miles inland from Ortona. There another house-to-house battle appeared in prospect.

After swarming up the slopes of Mt. Cavallo in a drenching rain, U.S. troops now overlook the village of Viticcio, eight miles east and a little north of Cassino, and have placed it under shell and mortar fire. The Germans tried to recapture the mountain, but failed.

The systematic clean-up of pillboxes around Santa Vittoria, a heavily fortified village six miles southeast of Cassino, continued, but there was no indication a full-scale attack had yet been launched on that strong position guarding the road to Rome.

Although air activity in western Italy was greatly reduced by the weather, fighters patrolled the Adriatic and shot up a schooner and radio station near Zara on the Yugoslav coast and bombers supported the attack near Orsogna.

### 5th Army Fights Under Handicaps

By DON WHITEHEAD  
WITH THE ALLIED 5TH ARMY IN ITALY (AP)—The 5th Army's advance on the road to Rome is going to be the same bloody, slow, costly battle it has been all the way from the beaches of Salerno. This is becoming more and more evident as the days pass and the army is able only to inch forward against the Germans entrenched in strong mountain positions which flank Highway No. 6 running up the valley through which the army must pass.

### MOTHER JOINS 5 TIMES

Five times a member already in the present campaign is Mrs. E. M. Mason, 1206 Beach Drive, who, according to headquarters officials at 706 Fort Street, says she "can't pass the place up when in town."

Asked the reason why she has bought so many memberships, Mrs. Mason said one was the fact that she has a son serving with the navy who she knows will benefit by the ditty bags and comforts provided by the Navy League.

"Still another reason is the other son I haven't heard from since Pearl Harbor," she said. "He was in the merchant navy, and tied up at Honolulu when the Japs came."

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### Allied Policy In Freed Italy To Be Renovated

By REILMAN MORIN  
NAPLES (AP)—Indications were multiplying today that a complete renovation of Allied policy in liberated Italy may result from the recent prohibition of a proposed congress of Italian political parties.

A major objective on the agenda of this congress was to formulate the means to force the abdication of King Victor Emmanuel, who has been under fire for more than two months.

Three days before the scheduled opening of the Congress an order forbidding it was transmitted to the Naples Committee of National Liberation by the Allied military government.

The prohibition, however, did not originate with A.M.G. It came, reliable sources said, from "a higher authority."

The Allied attitude has been one of complete neutrality in the struggle between the King and his political enemies. Italy has been promised full freedom of political expression.

At the same time the Allies have warned the Naples committee that disorder behind the lines can not be tolerated.

The Allied Military Government and Allied military leaders—a totally different group—are confronted with the problem of reconciling complete political expression for the Italians and the practical fact that it may lead to armed clashes between the opposing groups, with a resultant effect on military operations against the Germans.



**MEMORIAL AT AGIRA**—At the top of a broad gravelled path on a hill near Agira in Sicily stands this cross commemorating Canadian troops who died in action during the Sicilian campaign. The memorial was fashioned by Italian craftsmen out of Syracuse limestone, with a superimposed crusader's sword, and will be the central feature of the Canadian cemetery in Sicily.







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### 'Y' Christmas Dinner

About 85 guests attended the Christmas turkey dinner for elderly ladies given at the Y.W.C.A. Wednesday. Mrs. B. S. Heisterman, president of the Y.W.C.A. board, acted as chairman, assisted by members of the board, committees and staff. Mrs. W. H. Wilson, accompanied by Miss Nan Wilson, led in the singing of carols. A group of girls under the direction of Miss Small entertained with many novelty songs and dance numbers. Later each of the guests received a gift from the Christmas tree.

VANCOUVER (CP)—Dr. L. S. Klinek, president of U.B.C., announces that Dr. C. E. Dolman, head of the department of bacteriology and preventive medicine at the university, has been appointed a fellow of the American Public Health Association.

## Today's WAR NEWS Analysis

By WILLIAM FRYE  
Associated Press War Analyst

The complex structure of the Allied war command is showing up again, pointedly so in the case of Gen. George C. Marshall, who was—but now is not—to take the field command of European invasion forces.

Instead, he seems destined to remain as United States Chief of Staff, possibly to assume even greater responsibilities in some Allied "super-staff" assignment, as hinted at in dispatches from London, and suggested in Washington's much-quoted informed circles.

It is an open secret in Washington that Marshall's capacity for responsibility and his personal qualities—forthrightness, common sense, an encyclopedic memory, unassuming manner, an ability to use with great skill such instruments, human or material, that are at hand—have made him the dominant figure in staff councils.

### CATALYST OF THOUGHT

The men working with him in the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Anglo-American Combined Chiefs of Staff probably are no less able than Marshall as strategists or tacticians. But Marshall has become the catalyst of their thinking.

The Anglo-American forces have two commanders, Mr. Churchill and Mr. Roosevelt. It may be that they think as one, but it is hardly likely. Their joint decisions are compromises, based on recommendations which in turn are compromise opinions of a combined staff. Not only are those recommendations of the combined staff compromised after study of competing demands of field commanders, but they are probably accompanied by "minority opinions" from those whose requests have been denied, or whose judgments have been overruled. Such a complicated and unwieldy arch needs a keystone, and the two chiefs of

state apparently have concluded that Marshall is that keystone.

### HEADS OFF MACARTHUR

Take the case of Marshall's Pacific trip after Teheran and Cairo, as an example. There seems little reason to doubt now that his chief purpose was to give Gen. Douglas MacArthur a complete explanation of the situation, and to head off the trip home which MacArthur is reported to have planned.

If MacArthur had complained publicly about his lack of men and equipment—and he has on several occasions—it is a safe bet he has flooded Washington with complaints and demands the public never heard of. Why? One informed guess is the lack of a single Pacific command, and a consequent absence of unity of purpose and method.

This is passed on strictly as speculation, but it makes sense. The war against Japan is a single war, and there are six recognized independent commands—China, Southeast Asia, Southwest Pacific, South Pacific, Central Pacific and North Pacific: One Chinese, two Allied, and three U.S. navies.

### Nazis Say British Land in Madeiras

LONDON (CP)—A landing of British naval forces in the Madeiras, Portuguese islands in the Atlantic west of Morocco, was reported today by the Berlin radio.

While it said "there is no concrete evidence yet that the report is true," the International Information Bureau, Berlin propaganda agency, added: "The main object of this occupation is to guard Churchill's future place of residence." It speculated that the Prime Minister, recovering from pneumonia, "intends to spend the winter in Madeira to restore his health completely."

Britain has established naval and air bases in the Azores, also Portuguese-owned.

## Jigsaws Teaching Eskimos to Read

By JAMES MCCOOK

OTTAWA (CP)—Maj. D. L. McKeand, superintendent of the Eastern Arctic, today told how jigsaw puzzles led to reading and writing—and perhaps will lead to a kind of higher education—among Eskimos.

Years ago a Montreal organization sending gifts to the Eskimos with the Eastern Arctic patrol ship, Nascope, including among the usual collection of brooches, toys and dime-store trinkets a few brightly-colored jigsaw puzzles.

The Eskimos took the puzzles into their igloos and their deft fingers produced pictures of English castles, zebras and battle ships.

Maj. McKeand and his colleagues decided the puzzles might be used for education. A Hamilton lithographer made at their suggestion and donated some thousand cards on which the pictures were replaced with syllabic letters. Although many Eskimos could read syllabics they had been hampered in passing on their knowledge through a shortage of printed material.

The new cards could be formed into squares of letters and the Eskimos could play a game as they taught their children and acquaintances the delight of putting words together.

Unfortunately the paper squares showed a tendency to disintegrate. Eskimo ingenuity stepped in. They took walrus tusks, went to work with knife and file, and produced exact duplicates of the cardboard shapes in the letters. The next step may be that they will learn the usual alphabet in the same manner.

## Chaplains in Italy Win Military Cross

OTTAWA—Two military chaplains, Capt. Russell Oliver Wilkes, Rainy River, Ont., and Capt. Joseph Lawrence Wilhelm, Walkerton, Ont., have been awarded the Military Cross for outstanding service.

Capt. Wilkes, a 38-year-old Anglican minister, set up a hostel on the top floor of the Beaver Club in the mountain town of Campobasso which accommodates 100 soldiers overnight and provides them with showers, clean beds, haircuts, and movies. He is with the Royal Canadian Regiment.

Father Wilhelm, 34, a native of Walkerton, was a Roman Catholic priest in Hamilton before his enlistment and his activity with the Canadian troops on the Italian front has been mentioned in press dispatches.

### Late Premier's Sister Dies

NELSON, B.C. (CP)—Mrs. John Bell, 80, widow of John Bell, prominent Nelson old-timer and a former mayor and alderman, died at New Denver. She was a sister of Premier John Oliver, who died in Victoria in 1928.

## 33 Army Awards Go to Canadians

OTTAWA (CP)—The King has approved award of 33 awards—three Distinguished Service Orders, eight Military Crosses, four Distinguished Conduct Medals and 18 Military Medals—for valorous service by personnel of the Canadian (Active) Army, defence headquarters, announced today.

The awards: Distinguished Service Order—Lt. Col. Harry McLeod Hague, Montreal; Maj. William Gledstanes Bury, Edmonton; Maj. Archie Scott, Donald, Edmonton.

Military Cross—Capt. Douglas Wilson McLean, Montreal; Capt. Richard Maurice Dillon, London, Ont.; Capt. George Marvyn Carter Sprung, Ottawa; Capt. (Chaplain) Russell Oliver Wilkes, Rainy River, Ont.; Capt. (Chaplain) Joseph Lawrence Wilhelm, Walkerton, Ont.; Lieut. Maynard Charles Denison Bowman, Toronto; Lieut. John Alpine Douglass, Edmonton; Lieut. George Ross Guy, Halifax.

Distinguished Conduct Medal—CSM. Louis Rene Drapeau, Montreal; Sgt. William John Ross McKnight, Bowmanville, Ont.; Cpl. Allen Gee Cheshire, Ashmont, Alta.; Pte. John Low, Rochford Bridge, Alta.

Military Medal—Sgt. Elmer Milton Evey, R.C.A., Carleton Place, Ont.; Cpl. Robert John Donohue, Vancouver; Cpl. Frederick Russell Hawke, Dryden, Ont.; Cpl. George Lynn McFarlane, Grand Forks, B.C.; Cpl. Jean Baptiste Montminy, St. Valier, Que.; Cpl. Frank Cleveland Mowles, Blenheim, Ont.; L.Bdr. Asa Allison Milton, Lewisville, N.B.; L.Cpl. Bernard O'Reilly, Montreal; Pte. James Arthur Bancroft, London, Ont.; Pte. Desmond Henry Blackburn, Woodstock, Ont.; Pte. William Thomas Davies, Geneva, Alta.; Pte. Ervin William Hathaway, Plaster Rock, N.B.; Pte. Nicholas Kowalchuk, Teulon, Man.; Pte. Lionel LeBlanc, Upper Charlo, N.B.; Pte. Lawrence Frederick Meister, Kentville, N.S.; Pte. Stanley Louis Melton, Edmonton; Pte. Malcolm Rae, Port Coquitlam, B.C.; Pte. Gordon Fielding Spiney, Centreville, N.S.

### New Super-Bomber To Surprise Enemy

WASHINGTON (AP)—Development of a new super-bomber was disclosed today by Representative John Sparkman (Dem.-Ala.), chairman of a House of Representatives military aviation sub-committee, on his return from a 10,000-mile inspection tour of aviation plants and army air force installations in the United States.

Other than that it will "surprise and hurt" the enemy and soon will be in large scale production, Sparkman said he could disclose no details of the new bomber because the United States army itself has not yet made any announcement about it. It probably will be used extensively in the Pacific theatre he said, because of its long-flying range.

## War Production Peak for Canada Hit During 1943

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada's war production, reported by Munitions Minister Howe now at its peak, increased by \$753,000 during 1943, it was revealed today in preliminary figures released by the Munitions Department.

Based on actual figures for the first 10 months of the year and an estimate of November and December, production during 1943 is placed at \$2,776,000,000, compared with \$2,023,000,000 in 1942. In 1941, production was \$805,000,000 and from the start of the war to the end of 1940 it totaled \$307,000,000.

The 1943 production figures are further augmented by expenditure of \$217,000,000 on defence construction and capital assistance, apart from the wartime housing program, of \$186,000,000—making a grand total for the year of \$3,179,000,000 against \$2,452,000,000 in 1942.

Indication that wartime industrial expansion, tapered off in 1943 is found in a slight reduction—\$2,000,000—in defence construction and to a greater extent in the expenditures on capital assistance, which were \$24,000,000 below last year.

## Winnipeg Stockyards Crowded With Hogs

WINNIPEG (CP)—A new market rush has brought 12,000 hogs to the St. Boniface and Winnipeg stockyards, creating new problems for packers and shippers.

Pens were filled to capacity today and many of the animals have been housed in cattle cars on sidings since Monday night.

"We have no present solution," said Hubert Burns, president of the Winnipeg Livestock Exchange, following a meeting here Wednesday night, attended by exchange members and government representatives.

At the meeting, described as informal, were John Bracken, national leader of the Progressive Conservative Party; Hon. D. L. Campbell, Manitoba Minister of Agriculture, and Hon. Erick F. Willis, provincial Minister of Public Works.

"There was general regret over the loss of confidence on the part of farmers as a result of recent federal government policies," said Mr. Bracken, commenting on the meeting.

## Moose Jaw Wins Top Loan Prize

OTTAWA (CP)—Moose Jaw captured top honors in the national contest in competition with hundreds of Canadian communities for the most effective provincial idea produced in the Fifth Victory Loan campaign, the National War Finance Committee announced today.

Winners of the various population groups follow: Class A communities (under 3,000 population): Bala, Ontario; class B (3,001 to 10,000): Collingwood, Ont.; class C (10,001 to 30,000): Moose Jaw; class D (30,001 to 100,000): St. Catharines, Ont.; class E (more than 100,000): Winnipeg and Windsor, Ont., joint award.

Awards will be presented early next year, and will be relief shields built around the replica of the winged V, symbol of the Fifth Loan and bearing the name of the winning community on a plaque.

## Wodehouse Lyrics Banned By BBC

LONDON (CP)—The BBC has banned the airing of musical comedies with lyrics by P. G. Wodehouse, on the ground that the "jewels" author, interned by the Nazis, "broadcasts for the enemy."

The action drew a protest from comedian Leslie Henson, who has been reviving some of Wodehouse's works.

"There is a very great controversy about him and under English law no man is guilty until proved so to the satisfaction of a jury," Henson said. "We shall not know the facts until Wodehouse has been released from Germany... His broadcasts no doubt are made at revolver point, with the Gestapo behind him."

Wodehouse was captured by the Germans following their 1940 offensive in France. Foreign Secretary Eden announced several months ago that Britain had noted that Wodehouse had lent his services to the enemy propaganda machine.

### THIS WAR—FOUR YEARS AGO

Dec. 23, 1939—United States and three other American republics protested to France, Great Britain and Germany against activities of their warcraft in American waters. Russians claimed important successes in Russo-Finnish war, but stated that Finns' defences ruled out a lightning blow.

## Canada's Honor Roll

R.C.A.F.

KILLED: Blair, Herbert Douglas, PO, Montreal; Chester, William Roy, PS, Unit, Ont.; Foote, John, Sgt., Windsor, Ont.; Mitchell, Henry, OS, Montreal; Smith, Alan, PO, Fort Erie, B.C.; Fisher, Alan, PO, Fort Erie, B.C.; Redmond, Bernard, PO, Fort Erie, B.C.; Schiller, Kenneth, PO, Fort Erie, B.C.; Thompson, James, PO, Fort Erie, B.C.; Hutchison, Joseph, PO, Fort Erie, B.C.; Ferguson, Archie, PO, Fort Erie, B.C.; O'Neil, PO, Fort Erie, B.C.; Mack, Carl, PO, Fort Erie, B.C.; MacDonald, Roy, PO, Fort Erie, B.C.; DIED FROM NATURAL CAUSES: West, William, PO, Fort Erie, B.C.; Tonia, Ont.

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## Postwar Problems Are Here

FROM VARIOUS POINTS ACROSS THE Dominion comes news of men discharged from the armed forces finding themselves temporarily embarrassed, financially or otherwise, until official machinery is set in motion. In not a few instances, of course, these are cases which no statute law could hope to anticipate and deal with effectively on the instant. But the truth they bring home to us is that what we euphemistically and somewhat airily allude to as postwar problems—matters to be resolved in the near or distant future—already are beginning to crowd us.

While the great majority of these cases fall within federal jurisdiction, they are painfully reminiscent of the state of affairs which faced this province a quarter of a century ago, a condition aggravated by the general confusion consequent upon the conclusion of the costliest of all wars to that date. Nor was it altogether surprising that no comprehensive rehabilitation plan had been seriously considered; the almost exclusive efforts of the Dominion were trained on the job of removing the Hohenzollern menace from the face of the earth. Then peace "broke out" with startling suddenness. That those experiences of the early '20's have had their effect is borne out by the manner in which federal, provincial and municipal governments have prepared and are continually preparing for the aftermath. Ignorance of conditions that might be expected, therefore, will be no excuse for lack of adequate legislative provision for the coming transition period.

We may be sure, incidentally, that the coalition government of British Columbia is sensitive to the urgent necessity of having its legislative program of rehabilitation ready for the session which is to begin its deliberations next Feb. 1. Early last September, Mr. Hart announced the appointment of his eight cabinet ministers to various committees "to study all phases of postwar reconstruction," explaining at the time that "upon their reports the policy of the government will be founded." Furthermore, the Premier added that "in dealing with rehabilitation the government has endeavored to move as quickly as possible, but without undue haste, so that every step on the way there will be an intelligent approach to this subject." This, of course, was the correct procedure; and we may also take it for granted that at the forthcoming session of the House the elected representatives of the people will have a program before them that will lift this vitally-important provincial business out of the speculative atmosphere. And we use the term provincial advisedly, because of the varied opportunities that British Columbia offers to ambitious young men and women who are ready to take advantage of them. Especially should they be attractive under such government encouragement and directive as designated in the Perry Report.

When he created the Postwar Rehabilitation Council, Mr. Hart was careful to balance its personnel with three members from each party, selecting Hon. H. G. T. Perry as its chairman, and, with one single exception, all the body's recommendations are endorsed by its full membership. It ought to be possible, therefore, to use a good deal of the time usually frittered away on discussion of the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne for the consideration of the legislation the Premier foreshadowed some months ago—which should be implemented without fail.

## Pre-Nomination Battles

ONE OF THE MOST INTERESTING of modern political battles is now under way in the United States, and before the year 1944 is many weeks old the world will get a fairly good idea of how it may go. We refer to the full-scale and bitter encounter between the "stop-Willkie" Republicans and those progressive elements of the party whose belief in the internationalism of the unsuccessful candidate of 1940 transcends practically everything else—the men and women whose concept of the future envisions the United States playing the role in world affairs to which she is entitled and for which she is supremely fitted. Against these are powerful interests which lump their detestation of the New Deal and the President's world vision with practically everything for which Mr. Willkie stands—domestically a n d internationally. They do not seem able to make up their minds whom of the two leaders they hate most; at any rate, their first and paramount job seems to be the removal of the former Democrat and staunch advocate of the League of Nations as a contender for the Republican candidature next summer.

The Republican trend in recent Congressional and local elections, of course, has caused the most astute political observers to predict that the 1944 contest will see the end of the longest period the party has been out of power. That belief alone insures the strongest possible competition for the nomination—with some probable contenders already named whose chances would seem to be next to nil. As many as 18 are known to have definite aspirations. But the man

who gave the President the run of his life in 1940 has set his mind on upsetting the Republican tradition that the party never nominates a defeated candidate. Traditions, however, are being exploded daily; and precedents are being set at about the same rate. The "stop-Willkie" movement nonetheless is in operation, in part, at any rate, through the promotion of many "favorite son" candidates in an effort to force the final selection through a compromise arranged by party leaders—in which, conceivably, lies the possibility of a split that may dwarf prospects of victory.

In the midst of these events and manoeuvres, Mr. Willkie reversed political technique by telling party groups opposed to him that he was not sure they were not a liability anyhow, and by taking an aggressive line in a speech to freshmen Republican members of the House in Washington. These incidents increased the determination of many Republicans—rabid anti's and those only moderately opposed alike—to nominate someone else if they could. And, moving in opposite directions, Mr. Landon and former National Chairman John D. M. Hamilton have recently conducted anti-Willkie pilgrimages. Added to this confusion, incidentally, is a Democratic movement which objects to a fourth term for Mr. Roosevelt. But this is not likely to get very far. What is a disturbing prospect to us in Canada is a Democratic President trying to get along with a Republican Congress; for that is a condition which next year's election may well produce.

## Victoria's Housing Problem

SEVERAL CANDIDATES IN THE recent municipal elections dealt more or less superficially with the pressing problem which the housing situation in this community has posed for some time. It is a problem and will so remain until some well-organized plan is drawn up to deal with it. To what extent the city's rehabilitation committee has gone into it in detail is not clear. First and foremost, however, is the necessity for a decision to do something about those properties which are little better than eyesores; and it is to be hoped that building capital which is likely to come here as soon as the war is over will not have to go begging for the want of immediately available information as to how it best could be employed in residential construction.

Restrictions and priorities at present are governing factors, of course, but it should be the duty of the 1944 council to address itself to a program on practical lines. Such will be necessary, to say the least, if Victoria is to live up to its reputation as "a city of fine homes." Our future business as a Mecca for tourists will depend to a considerable degree upon the extent to which we go in for a general facelift process.

## Geographical Lapse

WHEN AND IF MR. GEORGE McCULLAGH, publisher of the Toronto Globe and Mail, sees a recent editorial in the London Daily Mirror his blood pressure is likely to go up. Under the heading "U.S.A. Visitors," the widely-read metropolitan pictorial tabloid notes the arrival in Britain of the well-known Canadian with Mr. Frank Gannett of the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, Mr. Grove Patterson of the Toledo Blade, and Mr. Norman Chandler of the Los Angeles Times. It proceeds to welcome these gentlemen and considers their visit "a good omen for the further development of Anglo-American friendship . . . and when they return to their own country they will, we hope, publish in the most candid way their impressions of what they have seen and felt here." It is fair to assume the Mirror will not be disappointed with the result; and perhaps Mr. McCullagh already has called at the newspaper's offices in Bouverie Street to acquaint the editor that he really hails from Canada's Toronto the Good. The London daily, however, ought to straighten out its geography a bit, especially where Mr. McCullagh is concerned.

## Draining Enemy Manpower

AT LEAST ONE GERMAN NEWSPAPER, either on its own responsibility or by permission, has thrown a light on the extent to which the manpower of the Reich has been and is being drained from every community. It has announced that out of a population of 34,000 in the town of Constance—a popular resort on the Rhine at the west end of Lake Constance—no fewer than 3,400, or 10 per cent, already have met death in battle. This official computation, incidentally, does not take into consideration the number of wounded or taken prisoner. And the newspaper in question cites the loss sustained by this community as typical of all German urban areas. Although there would seem no cause to doubt the authenticity of this death toll, it would be foolish to suppose that the strength of the German armies has deteriorated on a scale commensurate with the loss occasioned to the town of Constance. But it is obvious that the present tempo of the battles on the eastern front, coupled with an air offensive in the west which is establishing new records every day and causing increasing industrial desolation on terra firma, is seriously impairing the whole of the enemy's reserve of manpower. Perhaps its inferior quality will make itself felt before actual lack in volume.

There are plenty of ways of using Christmas savings money—one of the best being to put part of it into war bonds.

Japanese spokesman says: "We cannot help but think that our officers and men on the front lines are troubled many times because, though they have the spirit, it is regrettable that they are without weapons." Anyone starting a war should take precautions not to run out of weapons. It is likely to be troublesome.

## Bruce Hutchison

ECONOMICS NEXT DOOR FOR SOME TIME this reporter, a miserable exile from Arcadia, has been in Ottawa dealing in a blundering way with the mere shadows and symbols of our society. He returns here to find that the substance is much sounder.

In Ottawa economics is the old dismal science of figures in a book, of tenuous theory and laborious prediction. In Saanich economics has some meat in it, and the real stuff of humanity. I refer, of course, to one of our primary industries out this way, the production and sale of bantam chickens. This is economics in the raw and I am bound to confess (in favor of the experts at Ottawa) that if the economics of the nation were no better managed than the economic system next door, we should spin into bankruptcy forthwith.

For as far as I can discover, the economic system next door, having discovered the secret of production, has failed completely in the management of distribution; so that the two bantams of last March have now become 37 bantams in December and there is no market for them. Every possible customer has been explored. Every willing friend has been compelled to accept a pair of bantams (which keep the neighborhood awake at dawn with their crowing) and the market is saturated. But worse than that, the production is still going on.

## SCANDAL

GEORGE PUDBURY was over here just now to report that there were seven new chicks in his barn when he went in there this morning. He was as annoyed about it as a father who comes home to find seven new babies whom he had no reason to expect. And Pudbury said that the responsibility for his disaster must rest squarely next door.

Patiently he explained that he had only a bantam hen, that he had been careful not to have any roosters because he knew perfectly well what would happen. Yet the little hen, his treasured pet, had presented him with a brood of seven. The roosters next door, he alleged, had undoubtedly been straying out of bounds. He proposed, therefore, to give the little boy next door the seven chicks, and the hen as well (for his faith in her had been shattered) and he intimated that if any roosters were seen around his place again he might be compelled to use violence on them.

We only wish he would. Every form of violence has failed so far to control them. Shotguns have been tried. Twenty-two rifles have been tried. Traps have been tried. Coaxing and special feeding and every form of deception have been tried. A member of the provincial government who was paying a social visit out this way has been tried, and his method of catching roosters with a wire crook (of which he boasted highly) has been tried; but when bantams roost 100 feet from the ground in a fir tree, even a cabinet minister with a wire crook is frustrated.

## DESPERATE MEASURE

NAY, SOMETHING much more desperate has been tried. Liquor has been tried. Yes, the husband of the family next door returned home a few days ago to find that his liquor ration for December had been used to get the bantams drunk (a strong mixture with bran) so that they would fall down in a stupor and be captured. Yes, the possibility of Christmas cheer next door has been exhausted, the whole family has been doomed to a cheerless Christmas, and the most precious substance in Canada (judging by the demand) has been wasted on the bantams, but they do not fall down in a stupor.

They strut about more lively than ever and a dangerous lesson in intemperance has been impressed upon the young minds next door. Whisky, they perceive, does not always lead to destruction, but, in a bantam anyway, makes you feel mighty good. When the little boy next door thinks of the profits he is losing, how he could sell the bantam roosters at a high price if he could catch them; when he thinks of the possibilities of a black market in roosters, he is very depressed this Christmas season. But not as depressed as his father.

## WHEN THEY COME BACK

When they return, the boys who fought to save their country from a war-lord's maddening power, What will they wish to find, these warriors brave When they come home in victory's crowning hour?

Oh, they will seek the cottage on the hill Where lighted windows gleam a welcome home, The fragrant paths of woodland where the still Soft winds of autumn lured their steps to roam.

And they will seek the loved ones' faces, bright With a glad welcome waiting through the years; To clasp the hand though scarred with battle's might, To meet the eyes now filled with happy tears.

They will not ask for glory or acclaim, Nor boast of bugle nor the beat of drum, They have not fought for honor or for fame— These lads who from the battle scene have come.

'Tis peace they'll seek and life and liberty— For they have fought that all the world be free!

HELEN B. ANDERSON.

Lucky animals inherit the knowledge they need. Poor man can't even inherit knowledge of algebra.

## Our National Stature Grows

By R. K. CARNEGIE

Canada's place among the United Nations has been pointed up during 1943 developments in the fields of war, commerce and diplomacy.

Here are some of the year's highlights in the Dominion's growth as a nation:

1. Canada's armed forces in action.
2. Provision of \$1,000,000,000 in "mutual aid" to nations lacking enough Canadian dollars to fill their needs for Canadian munitions and foodstuffs; with mutual aid agreements completed with several nations and more agreements pending.
3. Increase in Canada's diplomatic missions abroad and establishment of additional foreign missions here; elevation of the Canadian legations in the United States, the Soviet Union, China and Brazil to embassy status and similar action by those countries.
4. Holding at Quebec last August of one of the Churchill-Roosevelt war conferences.
5. Establishment of a new decoration—the Canada Medal—with which to honor Britons and foreigners, as well as Canadians.

## WIDESPREAD ACTIVITY

Canadian participation in the Sicily and Italy campaigns, in the joint occupation with United States forces of Kiska in the Aleutians; in the vast air bombardment of Hitler's Europe, and in the never ending struggle against the U-boat brought pride to Canadians during 1943—and deep appreciation from the people of the United Nations.

As for supplies sent to the war fronts, Munitions Minister Howe said in a recent Montreal speech: "The population of these countries (receiving mutual aid) will long remember that Canada came to their rescue at a time when help was sorely needed. Therefore, I say that mutual aid is a sound investment in Canada's future markets abroad."

While students of international law and practice in Ottawa do not regard the elevation of Hon. Leighton McCarthy, Canadian minister to Washington, to the rank of ambassador as having

any great constitutional significance, they do say it has had a happy reaction among the American people.

Americans have clung to the idea Canada is still a colony, officials said. The fact that each South American country had an ambassador in Washington while Canada was represented by a minister tended to bolster the view the Dominion was not fully independent. Now that Canada has an ambassador, it was said, Americans may come to regard this country as a nation.

## MATTER OF PROMOTION

In regard to the elevation of the four Canadian legations to embassy status one authority said it required no more authority to appoint an ambassador than to appoint a minister. The fact that Prime Minister Mackenzie King's government changed the status of the ministers without consulting Parliament was an indication he regarded the change as a simple promotion in the diplomatic service.

In February, 1942, there were six foreign diplomatic missions in Ottawa, following closing of the Japanese legation. Now there are 14—and this will be increased to 15 when the new Turkish minister arrives from Washington.

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Most of the additions came in 1942, but the Turkish legation was added this year.

Canada's missions to Moscow and Chile date from Jan. 1, 1943. Canada also has opened a consulate-general in New York.

It is believed in some quarters here that the action taken by the government at the suggestion of a House committee in creating a decoration of its own will add to Canada's prestige. No medals have yet been awarded. Some awards are expected to be made in the King's New Year's Honors list.

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Following are excerpts from letters received at headquarters from men who have received and appreciate the comforts they are receiving every day:

"This is a letter of thanks for that Christmas parcel that I received from your organization. The warm clothing will certainly come to good use as it does get a bit nippy out here now and then. Thanks very much for all the clothing and here is wishing you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year."

"I'm just going to write a few lines to thank the Red Cross for the lovely woolen goods which I received the other day and to whom they were made by. The socks, sweater, hood and mittens. It is a parcel which no man will ever forget. I know what the Red Cross is doing for the boys in the services as my brother writes to tell me what a good job they are doing in the Old Country."

"We all wish to thank the Red Cross for the grand woolen comforts received from your organization. They will be most useful and we appreciate your efforts on our behalf. Wishing you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, we remain." (This letter was signed by 39 boys at a naval repair base on this coast.)

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LONDON (CP) — Mollie McGee stood on a pier at Dover and watched the armada of boats stream back from Dunkerque.

McGee was in the hospital when the wounded were brought back from Dieppe. She was at a bomber base when the boys flew home from the first big raid on Berlin. She was in London through the blitz and the great fire.

This genius for being in the right place at the right time has made Irish-eyed Mollie McGee one of Canada's best-known woman reporters.

Now she's scored one more scoop by being the first Canadian woman accredited as a war correspondent to the American armed forces. No woman has yet been accredited to the Canadian Army. Mollie represents the Toronto Globe and Mail.

It's not the fame and glory — or the smart American uniform — that Mollie's after.

"I don't want to go forward to the front line with the armed forces," she told me. "All I want to do is go and report where other women are driving nursing, or doing canteen work."

## Wren Postal Clerks Arrive in Britain

A BRITISH PORT (CP) — A welcome helping hand has been extended Santa Claus with the recent arrival overseas of a draft of 19 members of the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service — most of them postal clerks trained in fleet mail offices throughout Canada.

The draft will relieve British Wrens at the overseas F.M.O. and its arrival came just in time to ease the pressure of pre-Christmas mail.

The first draft of Wrens reached Britain in September, and the sea-going postwomen represent the second draft. It was in charge of Wren Petty Officer Helen Booth of Vancouver, a bank teller before joining the navy.

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## Weddings

### WAKELIN—MANNING

The marriage took place in St. John's Church, Horseshoe, Sussex, England, of L. Cpl. Roy Lendell Wakelin, 16th Canadian Scottish Regiment, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wakelin of Ganges Harbor, and Audrey, Madeline, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Manning, Horseshoe, Sussex.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a floor-length gown of ivory lace over satin, with a coronet of orange blossoms holding her long silk veil. She carried a bouquet of pink and white carnations. The maid of honor was Miss Laura Griffiths of Liverpool in a long frock of blue satin with a short veil and feathered head-dress, and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. Miss Sheila Hamilton was bridesmaid also in blue satin trimmed with pink, and a head-dress of veil and feathers. Pic. Leslie Knight, 16th Canadian Scottish Regiment, was groomsmen.

Over 50 guests attended a reception at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. F. Gyles.

After a honeymoon at Brighton, the groom returned to duty.

### COOKSON—BRADSTOCK

Dorothy Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bradstock, 751 McKenzie Avenue, became the bride Wednesday evening in St. Mark's Church of George Henry Arthur Cookson, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cookson, Victoria. Rev. O. L. Jull read the service, and Mrs. F. W. L. Moore was at the organ.

A floor-length gown of white sheer, fashioned with bishop sleeves and a high neckline was chosen by the bride, who was given in marriage by her father. A wreath of bridal roses caught her finger-tip veil and she carried a bouquet of pink carnations and white chrysanthemums. Three sisters, Misses Dorothy, Alison and Betty Shrewsbury were the attendants, the first wearing pale blue satin with a darker blue jacket, and the others in similar frocks of pale and deep pink. Their head-dresses matched their frocks and they carried chrysanthemums in pastel shades. John Irwin supported his cousin and ushering were Victor Bradstock, R.C.A.F., and George Colanbell, R.A.F.

Parents of the young couple welcomed about 60 guests to an informal reception at Hampton Hall.

After a short honeymoon up-island, for which the bride donned a black ensemble, Mr. and Mrs. Cookson will reside on Millgrove Street, Saanich.

### Mrs. D. J. Mugford Heads Solarium W.A.

Mrs. D. J. Mugford was elected president of the Solarium W.A. at the last meeting, Mrs. E. Lea presiding. Other officers are: Vice-president, Mrs. E. Lea; secretary, Mrs. J. W. Archer; treasurer, Mrs. A. E. Palmer; knitting convener, Mrs. G. Wise; sewing convener, Mrs. A. McAllister.

In order to cope with an accumulation of unmade garments, members will meet Jan. 13 at the W.I. rooms. Ready-cut garments may be obtained from the Solarium office.

The catering committee reported proceeds of \$40 from two weddings. Through the kindness of Mayo Singh the W.A. was able to forward his gift of 25 blankets in time for the Solarium party. A cheque for \$100 will be forwarded to the board of directors to help with general expenses at the Solarium.

## Club Calendar

Guild of Health, St. John's Church, Dec. 30, 10.30. Celebration of Holy Communion.

Officers installed by Mrs. M. Paterson and Mrs. J. Burt at Britannia Lodge were: Worthy mistress, Mrs. F. Cooke; deputy mistress, Mrs. N. Smith; junior secretary, Mrs. R. Cook; chaplain, Mrs. G. Pocock; recording secretary, Mrs. M. Malr; finance secretary, Mrs. E. Carlow; treasurer, Mrs. L. Cuthbert; guardian, Mrs. L. Fea; director ceremonies, Mrs. T. Sedler; first lecture, Mrs. E. W. Barnes; deputy lecture, Mrs. S. Bagnell; pianist, Mrs. M. West; inner guard, Mrs. Guppli; outer guard, Mrs. L. Caldwell; committees, Mrs. Saunders, Mrs. Kirchin, Mrs. W. Middleton, Mrs. L. Howe; auditors, Mrs. Fea, Mrs. C. Smith and Mrs. H. Hunter. Next meeting will be Jan. 4.

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## Personal Notes

Mrs. D. G. Edmond and her daughter, L. Cpl. Shirley Edmond, C.W.A.C., have returned to Edmonton from a short visit to Victoria.

Mrs. George Bullock has left for Vancouver to join her husband who has been appointed secretary to the Merchant Marine Guild there.

Mrs. C. H. McFarlane came from Vancouver Wednesday to spend Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Royden Morris, Pentland Road.

Mr. E. B. Deane of Vancouver will be the Christmas guest of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Sills, Lansdowne Road.

Mrs. J. H. Francis and her daughter, Beverly, have arrived from Vancouver to spend the holiday season with the former's mother, Mrs. R. W. Hurst, Bay Street.

Capt. Frank Cleall, Canadian Dental Corps, and Mrs. Cleall, the former Barbara Hutcheon, are spending the Christmas holiday with her parents, Capt. and Mrs. Geo. S. Forbes, 1636 Pine-wood Avenue.

Miss Sonia Cowan, who has been the guest of Sir Richard and Lady Lake, Newport Avenue, for some weeks has left for her home, Onward Ranch, Cariboo, to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. G. C. Cowan.

Coming from Vancouver to enjoy Christmas at the Empress Hotel are Mr. and Mrs. W. A. James; Mrs. William Robertson, Mrs. Marjorie Wade, Col. and Mrs. Cyril Beeston and their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Heger.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Watt, 1617 Wilmut Place, have received word that their daughter, Cpl. Frances M. Watt, R.C.A.F. (W.D.), has arrived overseas. Cpl. Watt was educated at Norfolk House School and enlisted in the air force in June, 1942.

Mrs. James B. W. Caldwell, formerly Patricia Healey, is visiting her mother, Mrs. E. Tull at her home on Byron Street. Mrs. Caldwell has been with her husband the last few months in the navy taking him overseas, and she will spend the Christmas season with her family here.

Sub-Lieut. Ada Raines, W.R.C.N.S., has arrived from naval headquarters at Ottawa to spend the Christmas season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Raines, 3800 Carey Road. Lieut. Raines was formerly a teacher in Saanich and before joining the navy a year and a half ago was in the coding branch of H.M.C. Dockyard at Esquimalt.

Mrs. Goulding Wilson, St. Charles Street, left Wednesday for Vancouver to be the guest of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Wilson during the week-end. Her niece, Mrs. Gordon Money, will come over from the mainland city to join her children who are attending school here, and spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wilson, 811 St. Charles Street.

## Stork In Hollywood Complains of Overwork

By ERSKINE JOHNSON

HOLLYWOOD—There was no mistaking that he was the Hollywood stork.

He was sitting in a booth at the Brown Derby reading Variety, drinking black coffee with benzedrine tablets on the side, and threatening to get a new agent.

"Are my wings tired?" he moaned.

"Why, it's just one job after another. No stand-in, either. And all the time I'm trying to get away for a week-end at Palm Springs. But do I get it—no! I'm telling you, I'm gonna get me a new agent. Why, it's even made me a 4-F—flat feet from too many forced landings. The doc even has me taking vitamin pills, and my wife says she's gonna get a divorce because I'm never home. It's awful!"

With a great clattering of his bill, he opened his scrapbook. "Look," he said, wearily. "I've played enough roles this season. Lana Turner, Rosalind Russell, Brenda Joyce, Brenda Marshall, Mrs. George Murphy, Mrs. Robert Young, Cecilia Parker, Cobina Wright Jr., Alice Faye and now Alice Faye—again, plus Betty Grable, Maureen O'Hara, Mrs. Bob Crosby, and Jean Rogers coming up."

He snapped the scrapbook shut. "I'm telling you," he said, "I'm going to get me a new agent. Why, they're wrecking my career. I'm—I'm being typed," he shuddered.

Well, after all, we said, there's a war going on and the storks all over the country are working three shifts a day and—

"I know, I know," he said. "But in Hollywood it's different. It's costing the film companies millions of dollars. Every day I get memos from Darryl Zanuck and all the other studio bosses bawling me out for upsetting their production schedules."

### SAD STORY

The Hollywood stork started to cry.

"Poor Darryl!" he sobbed. "There's a nice guy but look what happens to him. Alice Betty, Maureen, Cobina and both Brenda are under contract to him. All his pin-ups learning how to use pins. Why, it's terrible."

But all his troubles weren't with studio executives, the stork wailed. The husbands, he said, were pestering him with telegrams and calling him on the telephone every 20 minutes.

"It's like this," he said. "Some of the expectant papas are in the army, the navy or the marines. And they want to be around when junior arrives. They want to time their leaves with my schedule. But how do I know? What can I tell them? Everything is

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### Dorothy Dix

**CHILDREN SUFFER FROM PARENTS' ATTITUDE**

Dear Dorothy Dix: My husband and I are in our early thirties. We have been married almost 10 years and have three children. Last year he told me he was in love with another woman and asked me to give him a divorce, but I refused because I want to make him suffer as much as he has made me.

The children are becoming hard to handle. They notice the bickering and coldness between their father and myself and it makes them restless and unhappy. Do you think I have been wrong in not giving him his freedom? He has always been a good provider and more than generous to us. Do you think it is fair to rear the children in such an atmosphere?

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But when a married couple have not only ceased to love each other, but one has come to love someone else and they live together in a bitter enmity that poisons the very air they breathe, and when their children are forced to listen to their quarrels and arguments against each other, they make a mockery of the very word home. And their sacrifice is in vain.

Their children would be better off with either parent, or even with no parents at all, than in such a house of strife.

**DEWAR WITH MOOSE JAW**

MOOSE JAW, Sask. (CP) — Tommy Dewar, 32-year-old Moose Jaw defenceman who joined New York Rangers of the National Hockey League in the fall, has returned here and will play the rest of the season with Moose Jaw Victorias in the Saskatchewan Senior League, Lloyd Camy, vice manager, announced on Wednesday.

St. Mark's W.A. held its annual meeting, Rev. O. L. Jull presiding. President, Mrs. W. C. Heathfield, on behalf of the W.A. presented flowers to Mrs. G. T. Hughes, a member who is leaving the parish, and to Mrs. C. J. Stewart and Mrs. J. H. Fielder, retiring officers. Election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. W. C. Heathfield; first vice-president, Mrs. A. E. Reil; second vice-president, Mrs. I. A. Giles; third vice-president, Mrs. B. Cartwright; recording secretary, Mrs. P. E. George; treasurer, Mrs. Lidgate; corresponding secretary, Mrs. A. V. Lang; Dorcas, Mrs. G. Allen; united thanks offering, Mrs. R. Williams; extra cents, Mrs. H. T. Shemilt; educational, Mrs. A. V. Popert; junior W.A., Mrs. T. Butt; Little Helpers, Mrs. Barrett; Living Message, Mrs. A. Ball; prayer partner, Mrs. W. A. McMillan; social service, Mrs. W. A. Shaw.

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### Official Navy Song In Plaza Feature

"Here Comes the Navy," the official theme song of the U.S. Navy recruiting stations, will be heard on the screen for the first time in Universal's "How's About It" coming today in the Oak Bay and Plaza Theatres.

Presented by the celebrated Andrews Sisters who star in the new comedy-musical, the popular tune was written by Lew Brown, W. A. Tamm, J. Veveyda and Lieutenant Commander C. Poakes.

Other players in the cast of "How's About It" are Robert Paige, Grace McDonald, Shemp Howard, Mary Wickes and Walter Catlett. Buddy Rich, the No. 1 drummer and his orchestra are prominently featured.

The gay film was directed by Erle C. Kenton and Ken Goldsmith officiated as associate producer.

### Sabu Has Mystic Movie Influence

The magic of Aladdin's lamp, a small portion of which Sabu must have absorbed somewhere along the mystic trail of film fantasies in which he has starred, seemingly still belongs to the Hindu lad whose fame has spread the world over.

For in his latest picture, Universal's technicolor production, "White Savage," now at the Cadet Theatre, Sabu again essays the role of an unassuming but effective patcher-upper when misunderstanding threatens the romance of his co-stars, Maria Montez as Princess Tahla and Jon Hall as Kaloe.

### Eleanor Powell Does Western Act

Eleanor Powell "goes western" in her latest screen role, and twirls a lariat a la Will Rogers. But in this case she does it in time to music. The lariat dance is a highlight in M-G-M's "I Dood It," in which she co-stars with Red Skelton in a musical funfest coming tomorrow to the Dominion Theatre. Professional cowboys taught her to handle the ropes—the dance is her own idea.

It is one of a series of gay bits of entertainment in the side-splitting comedy of a pants' presser who marries an actress. Vincente Minnelli directed with a cast that includes Richard Ainsley, Patricia Dane, Thurston Hall, Sam Levene, John Hodiak, Morris Ankrum and Butterfly McQueen. Jimmy Dorsey and his band are also featured.

**CAPITOL THEATRE**  
Screen veteran Wallace Beery makes his first appearance in technicolor in M-G-M's "Salute to the Marines," currently at the Capitol Theatre.

Although he has appeared in 53 feature-length films since beginning his screen career 30 years ago, he has never been photographed before in color.

In "Salute to the Marines," Beery portrays the "diamond-in-the-rough" role that has made him famous—a tough, two-fisted, yet lovable marine sergeant who retires from the corps only to take up arms again when the Philippines are sneak-attacked by Jap hordes.

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### Urges City Press For Close Airport

An energetic quest of airfields close to the city is recommended by Ald. B. J. Gadsden, chairman of the business and trades development committee, as an objective for the City Council next year.

He lists that as one of several recommendations in a report on the work of his group which also covered intermunicipal activity and rehabilitation committee work.

The alderman urges continued efforts along collaborative lines with adjoining municipalities in those fields where joint action is desirable.

He also asks for compilation of the city's postwar projects in the best possible manner, with employment of a qualified person for such work, suggests further efforts be made to secure a reduction in ferry rates between Victoria and the mainland, recommends continued efforts to have air travel fares lowered, and use of Trans-Canada planes for Victoria-Vancouver travel, and advocates stimulation of industries here to offset some of the post-war drop in employment.

Among 1943 activities, he lists work to assist local machine shops in securing orders and efforts to salvage tin and steel from discarded cans. Ald. Gadsden refers to successful moves to avoid ice shortage, trouble in the warm weather and notes rehabilitation and re-establishment suggestions were advanced to the provincial government.

### Russian 'Chutists Landing at Baltic

**STOCKHOLM (AP)**—A great many Russian parachutists have landed in the Baltic states and leaflets have been dropped asking the population to take up arms against the Germans, the newspaper Afton-Tidningen said today.

The dispatch quoted newspapers in the Latvian capital of Riga as saying a number of parachutists had been seized, including 20 who had mingled with a church crowd. Intense air activity over the Baltic states also was disclosed.

Landings by Russian parachutists in the Baltic states have been reported from time to time over a period of months.

### George Malcolm Heads Jersey Breeders

George W. Malcolm of Victoria was elected president of the B.C. Jersey Breeders' Association at the annual meeting in Vancouver. He is also president of the Saanich Jersey Club.

Other officers were elected as follows: Honorary presidents, G. Antenen, Ladner; H. E. Burbridge, Victoria; vice-president, W. G. Harris, president of the Agassiz Jersey Club; secretary, J. S. Braidwood, Vancouver; directors, A. E. Dumvill, Sardis; T. E. Law, Chilliwack; George McCullough, Agassiz; F. Fuller, Haney; W. Williams, Mission; S. B. Trites, Chilliwack; Eric R. Hamilton, Duncan; H. T. E. Price, Ganges; J. J. Grauer, Eburne; J. H. Weaver, Ladner; Wm. Adrain, South Westminster; Dr. J. G. McKay, New Westminster; Dr. G. D. Pinder, Vancouver; H. F. Relfel, Vancouver; Pat Reid, Abbotsford; W. M. Fleming, Summerland; Russ Postill, Vernon; H. D. McCallan, Armstrong; A. W. Aylard, Sidney; Harold Brooks, Victoria.

Mr. Aylard, reporting as director for Vancouver Island, mentioned such Jersey activities as the good showing made at the Saanichton fair, the three Jersey herds classified, those of H. E. Burbridge, Miss Grace E. Moses and his own and the successful sale of the Ian Douglas herd.

The annual meeting in future will be held towards the end of October so that nominations for director of the Canadian Jersey Cattle Club may be considered and the members notified of suitable candidates who would be able to go east if elected.

### New Chaplin Film Based On Bluebird

**HOLLYWOOD (AP)**—Charlie Chaplin is working on the script of his next screenplay, his studio has disclosed, and his lawyers are working on a contract for Alice Ealand to be his leading lady.

The picture will be adapted—"With an amusing angle," from Perrault's tale of the French wife slayer, Bluebeard.

"Chaplin is making a comedy of it," said the studio spokesman when a reporter wondered how such a gory piece could be made Chaplinesque.

Miss Ealand, 24-year-old medium blonde who was a model in New York, announced she had signed a contract with Chaplin, but the studio called her announcement premature.



**ALLIGATORS IN BATH TUB**—Many of us have seen things like pink elephants running around the foot of the bed on the morning after; but Portland, Ore., zoo director Arthur M. Greenhall sees something just as bad—and he's sober. The "somethings" are baby alligators in Greenhall's bath tub. They were put there when zoo accommodations became too cold for them.



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## Register 9,000 Players

By CHARLIE EDWARDS  
TORONTO (CP)—Promotion of hockey is enjoying huge success in Quebec province under guidance of the Quebec Amateur Hockey Association and registrar Alphonse Thérien estimates this season's registration will exceed 9,000 players and top Ontario for the first time in history.

Chiefly responsible for the large registration, almost double that of last season, is the work of the former Canadiens hockey star, Georges Mantha, directing playground groups for the city of Montreal. Mantha has organized all the youngsters playing in city parks under the Q.A.H.A. wing.

A great booster for youngsters in sport, Thérien has a proposal worthy of consideration by Montreal city fathers. Instead of putting all their funds into outdoor rinks, Thérien suggests four or five covered rinks be built in each section of greater Montreal. The rinks could be used for various gatherings in summer and for hockey in winter with scheduled hours given to schools and playground groups under proper supervision.

## WIDE WORDS

Commenting on the N.H.L. game which drew a crowd of only 8,613 at the Gardens here

last Saturday, J. P. (Toronto Telegram) Fitzgerald wrote: "It couldn't be that the N.H.L.'s clamping down on any kind of publicity from players also applies to clubs and their officials? The Leafs' borrowing of St. Michael's young goalkeeper (Johnny Marois) for Saturday night might have added a few more spectators had it not been kept a dead secret until too late. St. Mike's have a big following."

Jimmy Foster, the great goalkeeper who helped Moncton Hawks win Allan Cup twice, then went to England and played for the English Olympic hockey champions in 1936, is back in his old home town of Winnipeg. Foster is coaching No. 5 air observers' school hockey team there. Now 38, Jimmy apparently has packed his hockey equipment away for keeps. Will Pedlar of Vancouver, former Canadian Davis Cup tennis star, is with the air force in India.

## Fighter's Death Was Accidental

CHICAGO (AP)—Death of Al Reasoner, 23-year-old boxer, who collapsed after a 10-round bout at the Marigold Gardens Monday night, was called accidental by a coroner's jury Wednesday.

Reasoner's death, according to

## Rudy York Takes Honors for Batting In Most Counters

CHICAGO (AP)—Rudy York of the Detroit Tigers, a fellow who annually boosts his R.R.I. quota by sending himself across home plate with a liberal portion of home runs, won the 1943 American League run-batted-in title with 118, official averages showed today.

Hitting 19 less than Boston's Ted Williams did in taking the 1942 crown, York nevertheless was 11 ahead of Nick Etten of the New York Yankees, who grabbed runner-up honors with 107 R.B.I.'s. Those two players, incidentally, were the only ones to top the 100 level, whereas five did so last year.

Other substantial runs-batted-in totals were compiled by the Yankees' rookie third baseman, Bill Johnson, with 94; Vern Stephens of St. Louis with 91; Stan Spence of Washington with 88; Charley Keller of New York with 86, and Jim Taber of Boston and Chet Laabs of St. Louis with 85 apiece.

Keller was top man in drawing bases on balls with 406—again far below the 1942 high set by Williams of 445—but the Yankee outfielder was in a class by himself as no other player reached the 100 level.

Detroit players grounded into a record total of 159 infield double plays and Washington tied the all-time low of 54.

medical testimony, was caused by a traumatic cerebral hemorrhage, also a kidney hemorrhage, complicated by a fracture of a rib. Dr. E. J. Buchan, chief medical examiner for the Illinois Athletic Commission, testified Reasoner was in perfect condition before the bout. Reasoner's opponent, Freddy Dawson of Chicago, said the boxer began to slow up after the fourth round.

## Track Wet



Doing his best to cover up nature's reply to Chamber of Commerce is this lone soul vainly trying to drain Los Angeles Coliseum track in preparation for football game.

## Calgary Army Wins Over Trail Pucksters

NELSON (CP)—Calgary Army beat Trail Smoke Eaters 10 to 5 here Wednesday night, gaining some revenge for 9 to 6 and 9 to 3 defeats suffered in previous contests of the three-game exhibition senior hockey series.

The Alberta soldiers gained a 3 to 2 lead in the first period, increased the margin to 6 to 3 by the end of the second, and then outscored Trail 4 to 2 in the final 20 minutes.

Three Calgary forwards each fired three goals—Bob Carse, Max Bentley and Tony Desmarais. Reg Bentley got the

other soldier tally. Trail scorers were: Kelly with two, Ab Cronie, Mike Buckna and Bunny Dame.

## SUMMARY

First period—1, Calgary, Carse (Lane-Max Bentley), 0.15; 2, Calgary, Max Bentley (Anderson), 1.00; 3, Trail, Cronie (Kelly), 7.55; 4, Calgary, Carse (Reg Bentley), 0.14; 5, Kelly, 17.05. Penalties: None.

Second period—6, Calgary, Max Bentley (Lane), 2.00; 7, Calgary, Desmarais, 9.00; 8, Trail, Buckna (Halght), 12.30; 9, Calgary, Carse (Max Bentley), 1.40. Penalties: None.

Third period—10, Calgary, Max Bentley (Carse), 0.35; 11, Calgary, Reg Bentley (Carse-Max Bentley), 1.30; 12, Calgary, Desmarais (Rimstad), 9.30; 13, Trail, Dame (Stanton), 9.50; 14, Calgary, Desmarais, 15.20; 15, Trail, Kelly (Buckna), 17.50. Penalties: Benoit, Anderson, Buckna and Lane.

## Two Horses Killed And Jockeys Injured

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Two race horses were killed Wednesday and a third horse and four jockeys were injured in two separate accidents just 15 minutes apart at the Fair Grounds track here.

Both accidents happened near the quarter mile post from collisions with yearlings training on the track.

The horses killed were Ellen's Chance, owned by Robert McKee, and White Bait, owned by Mrs. H. P. Bonner.

Jockeys injured in the spills were A. Sneeling, cut on the head; F. Early, ankle injury and two others.

Ellen's Chance was in a head-on collision with Black Brat, a yearling owned by Duke McCue. Witnesses said the yearling bolted its lane and ran the wrong way into a collision.

White Bait, along with Unbuttoned, another thoroughbred, collided with two training yearlings in the second accident, resulting in fatal injuries to White Bait. Unbuttoned was badly injured.

Jockey Sneeling had the mount on White Bait while jockey Early was riding Unbuttoned.

## Detroit Wings After Murray Armstrong

TORONTO (CP)—Detroit Red Wings of the National Hockey League Wednesday were reported talking contract terms with Murray Armstrong, former National and American League centre who has been discharged from his Canadian army unit at Saskatoon.

Armstrong formerly played for Toronto Maple Leafs and Brooklyn Americans of the National League, and Syracuse of the American circuit. He was commissioned as a lieutenant last September.

Last winter Armstrong was playing coach of the Regina army team that reached the western Canada senior hockey finals against Winnipeg R.C.A.F.

He played for Brooklyn Americans in the fall of 1942 when he was called by the army.

When the Americans folded, about the same time, Armstrong was awarded to Detroit in the distribution of American players.

**Racing Results**  
TROPICAL PARK—Horse racing results here Wednesday follow:  
First race—Six furlongs:  
Paddy Fitz (Sherman), \$5.00 \$2.00 \$2.00  
Reformatory (Martin) — 3.40 2.30  
Technician (Robert) — 2.30 2.30  
Time, 1:11 4-5. Also ran: Sam Islam, Strength, Ossap, Miss Little Nemo, Pajawars.

Second race—Six furlongs:  
Benny B. (Farrell) — \$11.50 \$8.00 \$2.00  
Rush and Gray (Green) — 5.80 2.30  
Lady Eli (Atkinson) — 2.30 2.30  
Time, 1:12. Also ran: Merry Eyes, Our Flare, Sun Mite, Blue Line, New Flame, Clara Dan, Sky Lift, Miss Freedom.

Third race—Mile and 70 yards:  
Adventurous (Trent) — \$5.00 \$2.00 \$2.00

## Sports Mirror

By PETE SALLAWAY

TODAY marks the 81st birthday of one of the greatest men in the history of the sports world—Connie Mack. Although 11 years past his three score and 10, Mack still holds forth as the active manager of the Philadelphia Athletics major league ball club. The tall white-haired Mack goes along year after year and nobody ever dreams of his retiring. Anybody who ever speaks of baseball in association with the city of Philadelphia, thinks of Connie Mack.

Mack, whose flame was whittled down from Cornelius McGillicuddy by the sports writers in the dawn of modern baseball, is a different type of manager from the usual run of major league team directors. He is always on the bench during a game and master minds his club from the dug-out. He always keeps the score of the game as it progresses and makes good use of his score card in wigwagging signals to his players. Through his exceptional long association with the game Mack knows the weak points of practically every player.

Mack gained some of his greatest fame as the builder and wrecker of one of baseball's greatest playing machines—the Philadelphia Athletics of 1910 through 1914. This team, the climax of years of hard work by one of the keenest students of the game, generally was rated as the most brilliant mechanical combination ever turned out; in fact, its success was so consistent and decisive that home fans lost interest. Patronage fell off and Mack broke up and scattered his greatest creation after its crushing defeat by the Boston Braves in the 1914 world series.

Mack has always been recognized as a builder. With six American league pennants and three world championships to his credit he ranks with the great leaders of baseball. Probably no manager has ever handled more young players and certainly no leader has to his credit a longer list of athletes who have found fame and many of them fortune on the baseball diamond.

Mild mannered but firm Mack has never been known to scold a player unnecessarily in the presence of others for some misplay. His voice has never been heard on the field by the fans nor has he ever been seen in open protest against the judgment of the umpires. Connie Mack holds the esteem of baseball players and officials everywhere and was given high honor by the citizens of the city to which he has brought fame through the Athletics. After the world series of 1929 he was awarded the Bok prize for distinguished service to Philadelphia.

A man, who has never smoked and seldom drank, a strict church member, but a genial individual who loves fun and even aids players in practical jokes, Mack is an unique figure in baseball. He goes to great lengths to advise erring players back on the straight road. As an old friend, Mack is a target for hundreds of old-time players with hard-luck stories. Few are refused. Mack holds violent likes and dislikes. His friends are his friends and his baseball enemies are treated as such. Connie Mack is a truly great sports figure.

Yolandia (Huskey) — 6.40 4.00  
Bass Fiddle (Atkinson) — 3.40 2.40  
Time, 1:42. Also ran: Appas, Tappas, Sparliate, Philjean, Miss Skylark, Cabanvil.  
Fourth race—Mile and 70 yards:  
Cantina (Pierston) — \$7.50 \$2.20 \$2.20  
Green Bush (Reno) — 2.30 2.30  
Time, 1:42 2-5. Also ran: Resale, Scott Hill, Cavortia, H. Neighbor.  
Fifth race—Six furlongs:  
Marasun (Atkinson) — \$15.30 \$5.00 \$2.00  
Tetra dial (Skorenky) — 6.00 4.00  
Quakerstown (Bren) — 2.30 2.30  
Time, 1:11 1-5. Also ran: Peep Show, Stuck Again, Solviet, Un Huh, Captain Ruth, Zaccabrand, Strolling Easy, Betty Loan.  
Sixth race—Six furlongs:  
Pat L. There (Mortisey) — \$4.50 \$2.70 \$2.20  
African Sun (McCo) — 6.50 4.50  
Time, 1:12 2-5. Also ran: Recondite, Morocco Sir, Page II, Chicago Dr., Rascal, Piccadilly, Hickory Head.  
Seventh race—Mile and a sixteenth:  
Flying Legion (Per) — \$22.10 \$10.00 \$4.00  
Automation (Faler) — 4.50 3.50  
Sky Soldier (Crowther) — 6.00 4.00  
Time, 1:42 2-5. Also ran: Miss Discovery, Oakmont, Longsaw, Impregnable, Our Bless, Cross Country, Thonin, Tepee, Perimouth.  
Eighth race—Mile and a sixteenth:  
War Bonnet (Boucher) — \$22.00 \$10.00 \$4.00  
Pettinence (Sherman) — 5.50 4.50  
Time, 1:42 2-5. Also ran: Snickelfritz, Merry Mistake, Santo Domingo, Susan Constant, Sugar Daddy, Arabesque, Galant Dick, Bit of Brown.

## Chicago Hawks Plaster Detroit By 7-1 Count

## Doug Bentley Paces Speedy Offensive

New York Rangers today breezed into Detroit for a National Hockey League contest to night with Detroit Red Wings, brimming with confidence born of their two straight victories on successive Sunday nights along with Chicago Black Hawks' 7 to 1 conquest of Wings last night.

The Wings—who were defeated last Sunday night by the Rangers—failed to provide their new goaltender—Harry Lumley of Indianapolis—with much protection in the game at Chicago last night, especially in the third period when the Hawks unleashed a five-goal assault powered by Doug Bentley.

Big Earl Seibert scored Chicago's first goal last night in the opening period, and rookie Vic Heylinger added another in the second.

In the final period Bentley started the scoring at 2:26. Clint Smith counted on a fine passing network by Billy Mosienko and Bentley at 10:19 to open a scoring spree which added up to three goals in a minute and a half. Passes by Cully Dahlstrom and Mush March set up Jack Dyer's marker 20 seconds later, and then Dahlstrom tallied with Allen and Virg Johnson assisting.

Don Grosso got Detroit's lone goal before Bentley got his second—and Chicago's seventh—goal of the night assisted by Smith and Mosienko.

**SUMMARY**

First period—1, Chicago, Seibert (Dahlstrom, March), 6.30.

Penalty—Egan.

Second period—2, Chicago, Heylinger (Gottselig, Purpur), 9.35.

Penalties: Bentley, Carveth, Johnson (2), Egan, Simon.

Third period—3, Chicago, Bentley (Seibert, Mosienko), 2.26; 4, Chicago, Smith (Mosienko, Bentley), 10.19; 5, Chicago, Dyer (Dahlstrom, March), 10.39; 6, Chicago, Dahlstrom (Allen, Johnson), 11.51; 7, Detroit, Grosso (Carveth, Brown), 16.19; 8, Chicago, Bentley (Smith, Mosienko), 16.52.

Penalties—None.

**Racing Makes Large Charity Contribution**

NEW YORK (AP)—The Turf Committee of America, which supervises racing's part in the war effort, announced Wednesday that a total of \$628,294 had been realized for charity from racing's victory week, held by the five New York tracks at Jamaica, Nov. 4 to 13. Herbert B. Swope, the chairman, said this gift brought the New York tracks' contributions to charities to a total of \$1,213,000 this year and to \$2,069,115 for two years.

Unofficial estimates placed racing's two-year contribution to charity and the war effort, up to the end of the current year, at \$8,600,000.

Fifteen war agencies and charities shared in the proceeds of the nine-day victory meeting, during which \$16,656,585 was bet.

## Hockey Standings

N.H.L.		Goals				
		W	L	D	F	A
Canadiens	13	2	3	83	38	29
Toronto	10	9	2	93	87	22
Boston	9	8	3	95	97	21
Chicago	10	9	0	80	80	20
Detroit	6	8	3	60	70	15
Rangers	2	14	1	58	97	5

COAST LEAGUE		Goals				
		W	L	D	F	A
R.C.A.F.	7	1	2	58	41	16
Navy	7	2	2	43	31	16
Army	6	7	0	65	51	12
V.M.D.	5	5	0	40	46	10
St. Regis	3	9	1	47	69	7
C.P.A.L.	2	6	1	37	52	5

## Seattle Blocked In Plan to Sign Former Convict

SEATTLE (AP)—The Oregon State Parole Board has vetoed the proposal of the Seattle Rainiers to sign Luke Crosswhite, former Oregon prison inmate, on the grounds that "Crosswhite would be better off living a more secluded and more normal life than he would playing professional baseball."

In a letter to the Seattle management, Fred Finsley, director of parole and probation, said in part: "It must be remembered that Crosswhite's case was a rather famous one in the state of Oregon, and that he served many years in the Oregon State penitentiary and consequently became acquainted with hundreds of ex-convicts. If all of these men knew where he was, and they would always know because of publicity, they would be contacting him, both for old times sake, to negotiate loans and for other reasons."

Crosswhite was star pitcher of the prison baseball nine before his release.

## Hockey Leaders

Billy Mosienko, Chicago, stole third place in the National Hockey League high-scoring list from Lorne Carr, Toronto, when he collected three assists Wednesday night as Black Hawks whipped Detroit Red Wings 7 to 1.

Two Bruin aces, Bill Cowley and Herb Cain, hold first and second place, respectively.

Leaders follow:  
Cowley, Boston — 14 26 3  
Cain, Boston — 14 19 3  
Mosienko, Chicago — 14 19 3  
L. Carr, Toronto — 14 11 3  
D. Bentley, Chicago — 14 11 3  
C. Smith, Chicago — 14 11 3  
O'Connor, Canadian — 14 11 3

MOOSE JAW (CP)—Lyle Wilson, 17-year-old left winger for Moose Jaw Canucks of the Southern Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League, died Wednesday in hospital here following an attack of pneumonia.



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# Sorry, But Your Long-Distance Calls May Be Delayed on Christmas Day

**E**ACH CHRISTMAS DAY the long-distance operators are faced with an avalanche of calls, and this year the traffic will probably be heavier than ever.

The operators know how important these Christmas calls are to people, but despite everything they can do there are bound to be long delays on calls between some points on Christmas Day—particularly on calls to the prairies and the east. There are not enough circuits to handle this big load quickly and wartime restrictions prevent the necessary circuits being added.

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SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Yes, those same stars shine out in the Pacific, and Dad's probably looking at them and thinking about next year's Christmas just like us!"

Uncle Ray

Light Periods Change Rate of Plant Growth

In these short days, it may be well to turn our minds again to the importance of light. Even if we could live without the light of day, this earth of ours would be a poor place. That is why I am sorry, at times, for coal miners who spend their daylight hours underground, then come forth at or near the moment of sunset, with only twilight and night ahead of them.

Of course, those miners have electric lights, both inside and outside of the mines, but such light is not as pleasant as bright sunshine. Most plants could not grow well without a good amount of light. The sun shines on their leaves, and this helps them make the food they need for living. If the whole year had short days, like those of the present month, many plants would grow with the coming of warm weather, but they would not grow so well. This has been proved in actual tests. Plants in boxes have been moved in and out of dark sheds during summer months. The plants kept out doors the greatest number of hours of each day grew tallest and came to flower most quickly. Several groups of yellow cress were placed where they could have electric light, but no

daylight. One group was given 12 hours of electric light and 12 hours of darkness. Another group was given an hour of light, an hour of darkness, an hour of light, and so on.



Diagram showing difference in growth of plants given long and short changes of light and darkness.

A third group was given 15 minutes of light, and 15 minutes of darkness, over and over again. Other groups were put through shorter periods of light and darkness, down to five seconds.

The plants with 12-hour periods grew best of all. Those with only one minute of changing light and darkness grew the least. Yet the plants with a light-and-dark period of only five seconds grew better than any others, except those in the 12-hour light-and-dark group.

What would happen if plants were given an average of well over 12 hours of light in each 24-hour day? An answer to this

Today's Crossword Puzzle

**HORIZONTAL**

- 1 Pictured bird
- 2 Indian mulberry
- 3 Chemical substance
- 4 Of the thing
- 5 Christmas song
- 6 Poodles
- 7 Pastries
- 8 Top of head
- 9 Bear cub
- 10 Dismal
- 11 South Dakota
- 12 Two and eight
- 13 Bitter vetch
- 14 Savard
- 15 Consisting of
- 16 Cooking vessel
- 17 Indian
- 18 Coral island
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**(Answer to previous puzzle)**

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SILENT FRAME  
TRENDS ENTER

Letters to Editor

**TIME WILL TELL**  
It is reported from Washington that President Roosevelt, at a recent press conference, stated: "The talks at Teheran and Cairo were a success in every way," and that he hopes they laid the foundation for a post-war era of peace which will last at least through the lives of the present generation. That hope, he added,

is shared by Mr. Churchill, Premier Stalin and President Chiang Kai-shek.  
Cold comfort that for prospective fathers in the armed forces — and elsewhere!  
Last time we were jolled along by the assurance that it was the war to end war. This time "they" are more honest (or realize that the boys are less gullible). Obviously, the promised new order, as presently planned, is merely a new patch on an old garment,

so we can confidently anticipate the old familiar economic cycle.  
**GEOFFREY LE GALLAIS.**  
"Robinhurst," Cranmore Rd., Dec. 21.  
(Editor's Note: Part of the Declaration of Teheran reads: "And as to peace, we are sure that our concord will make it an enduring peace. We recognize fully the supreme responsibility resting upon us and all the nations to make a peace which will command good will from the overwhelming masses of the peoples of

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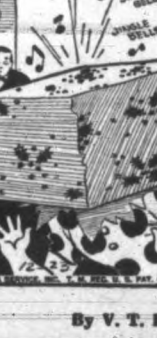
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PRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



ALLEY OOP



Victoria Plumbers Urge Standard Code

A standardized plumbing code for all B.C. was urged Wednesday night by journeymen and master plumbers at a meeting at the Empress Hotel Wednesday night under the sponsorship of the Victoria branch of the National Association of Plumbing and Heating Contractors of Canada.

Suggestion of the provincial code followed discussion of differences of plumbing by-laws in Victoria and neighboring municipalities and practices of enforcing these by-laws. A standard code was held as the only adequate answer to these problems although some plumbers questioned the application of the code equally to urban and rural areas.

A. Petch, vice-president, who presided in the absence of C. J. McDowell, president, suggested more frequent meetings of plumbers to develop and present means of advancing the trade.

A film, "The Ominous Arms Case," was presented. It emphasized the dangers of improper and antiquated plumbing.

Congratulations for the showing of the film were given by Dr. J. L. Gayton, Saanich health officer; J. Birnie, Victoria plumber.

question has come through tests with the aster plants known as "Heart of France." The use of electric light at night, in addition to daylight, has made the plants grow faster and come to flower more quickly.

(For general interest section of your scrapbook.)

ing inspector, and W. W. Shorrock, Saanich sanitary inspector. Reginald Bowering, provincial health department engineer, who described an outbreak of typhoid in Ontario which was traced to improper plumbing, said poorly installed plumbing presented a real danger.

Sister Mary Ignatia Returns From Japan

Sister Mary Ignatia, who went from Victoria to Japan nearly nine years ago to teach in a missionary school, has returned to the city and is staying at present at Mount St. Mary with her mother, Mrs. Alice A. Parker.

Sister Ignatia was among the repatriates who arrived early this month on the Swedish liner Gripsholm. She spent two weeks at the mother house of the Order of St. Ann in Lachine, Que., before coming west.

She is tired after nearly two years of internment in Tokyo and declined to be interviewed.

Her arrival in Victoria was a joyous occasion. In addition to being reunited with her mother, she met her niece and nephew for the first time. They are the daughter and son of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Fell.

Get Commissions

PO's Howard Carruthers, 461 Selby Street, Nanaimo, and William H. Nicholls, Nanaimo, recently graduated and received their commissions as pilots from No. 3 S.F.T.S., Calgary. Sgt. George Vipond, R.C.A.F., 327 Wallace Street, Nanaimo, has been commissioned while serving in eastern Canada.

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Oak Bay Discusses  
\$735,000 Projects

An outdoor swimming pool for Willows Beach, walls and walks along the Esplanade and Shoal Bay and beautification of Mary Tod Island, were among postwar federal assistance projects totaling \$735,000 discussed by Oak Bay Municipal Council Wednesday night.

Oak Bay, like municipalities across Canada had been requested to submit certain postwar projects to the federal government.

Data was prepared and plans submitted by A. S. G. Musgrave, municipal engineer, who estimated cost of the swimming pool at \$40,000, the Esplanade wall and walk at \$55,000 and a similar project at Shoal Bay at about \$35,000. The Mary Tod Island beautification scheme which would include a breakwater from Turkey Head to the island, with a 15-foot pedestrian walk, rock gardens, sheltered seats, bandstand and modern illumination, would cost approximately \$600,000, councillors learned.

Council agreed to meet with local representatives of the firemen's union upon receipt of a letter where in the union sought revision of the basic wage rate now in force in Oak Bay and suggested an increase of 15 per cent beginning January 1, 1944.

Charges covering materials and labor for the Estevan Avenue sewer pump project were estimated at \$4,142 in a report submitted by the municipal engineer. Requests from Mrs. R. M. Lochhead, secretary of the Oak Bay Community Centre, project, that council appoint a representative to the body, was referred to Reeve W. L. Woodhouse. Council authorized the building inspector to grant permits for construction of a woodshed and tool house at 3430 Upper Terrace Road at a cost of \$800 and a greenhouse at 3460 Upper Terrace Road at a cost of \$100. Both buildings will be in the Uplands.

Letter from the B.C. Fire Chiefs' Association with reference to salvage equipment for municipal fire departments was passed on to the fire committee. A circular letter advised council of the impending visit here Jan. 17 and 18 of Brig-Gen. Ross, federal director of Civil Defence, on a tour of inspection. Dog tax by-law received final reading. Alderman F. W. Willis and Councilor R. Angus spoke briefly.

## Awards for Plays

Four awards for original one-act plays, with four guaranteed productions for each play accepted for an award, are announced by the Western Canada Theatre Conference, in conjunction with the Social and Community Drama Branch of the B.C. Department of Education in Victoria.

Plays must be from 20 to 45 minutes' duration and not be previously produced. It is announced. Submission must be before May 1, 1944, to the Secretary-treasurer, Western Canada Theatre Conference, Department of Extension, University of Alberta, Edmonton.

Seven motorists paid a total of \$32.50 in traffic and parking fines in city court today.

New Veterans Adopt  
Postwar Policies

New Veterans' Branch of the Canadian Legion, meeting in Vancouver, has adopted the brief on treatment of men and women discharged from the services, prepared by Postwar Policy Committee of the Advertising and Sales Bureau of Vancouver Board of Trade as the aims of the branch.

The brief calls for pay and allowances, including subsistence, for those discharged from the services to be continued for a minimum of one year, and a maximum of two years, according to the time the discharged person becomes re-established in civilian life; re-establishment of demobilized persons to be a first responsibility of Employment Service of Canada; disability pensions on a generous scale, and payment of army pay and allowances for one year to those awarded disability pensions; free loans and financial assistance for those taking up land under a settlement scheme; help for those requiring capital to start business; pensions on army basis of pay and allowances for widows of those killed, or who died on active service, and special allowances for children's education; medical and hospitalization services free, without deduction from benefits; adequate provision for dependents of those who die after discharge; veterans of former wars who have served in the Veterans' Guard or other units during the present war, to be accorded full benefits under Veterans' Allowance Act, because of their age and their possible inability to obtain civilian employment.

Men who served in the merchant service are embraced in all the recommendations.

Commission Claim  
Allowed By Court

Judgment for \$197.50, the amount of commission claimed, and costs was awarded Milton H. King, real estate firm head, by Judge H. H. Shandley in County Court today following trial of an action against Wm. John Fredrick Dunkley.

Represented by E. L. Tait, Mr. King claimed for the commission for dealing over the Dunkley house at 1241 Oxford Street. Evidence supporting his case was to the effect the firm had supplied a client ready, willing and able to purchase the home.

Mr. Dunkley, represented by G. H. Sedger, contended Mr. King had never been given a listing, that the client presented by the real estate man could not meet conditions set by Dunkley and that no claim existed.

"Once a house is listed, the agent simply has to find a client who is ready, willing and able to buy in order to secure his commission," Judge Shandley said. He found a verbal listing had been made on the grounds defendant's evidence, to the contrary was not corroborated and by the fact defendant had welcomed King's client, shown him the house and had not mentioned previous arrangements with Mr. Mr. King had been canceled.

Victoria Shipyards  
May Reduce Staffs  
During Change-over

Because Victoria plants are in the transitory stage between completion of present ship schedules and anticipated new contracts there is bound to be some contraction in the strength of shipyard personnel with the advent of the new year, but there will be no general lay-off involving large reduction of industrial payrolls.

This was learned today following a survey of shipbuilding conditions affecting Vancouver Island yards. Rumors have been current among shipyard workers for some time that wholesale layoffs in the industry were contemplated.

Yards are at a low point of employment right now because one shipbuilding plant engaged in naval construction has been ordered to be prepared to change over to another class of ship, while, on the other hand, another plant is slowing down production while changing from tanker construction to Victory ships.

With the termination of a contract, it was pointed out, complete reorganization of the plant will have to be stripped for new designs in construction and some delay is likely to intervene in delivery of steel. Under the circumstances, there will be no expansion, at least for a time.

Yarrows Ltd. has nine months work ahead and its policy is to employ all the workers it possibly can.

V.M.D. has slowed down its tempo of production slightly, but it looks for nothing drastic in reduction of personnel. It is stretching out its building schedule to last up to July next, and by that time the company expects to have new freighter contracts.

During the process of reorganization between contracts the shipyards are merely going easy on their schedules. There is no intention, whatever, of a general layoff of workers.

It was learned today that the shipyard plants are losing from 10 to 25 workers weekly through army call-ups, sickness and family reasons. These people, it was stated, are not being replaced.

**FEW UNEMPLOYED**  
Number of claimants receiving benefits under the Unemployment Insurance Act in Victoria total 20 at the present time, and there were but 20 claimants at the same time last year, C. A. Mudge, manager of the local unemployment insurance office said today.

There was a slight increase, however, in the number of claimants in November, 1943, over the number in November, 1942, he said. The situation has been pretty well stationary in Victoria, he added, in commenting on a report from Vancouver that in October, 1943, three times the number of people applied for benefits than in the same month in 1942.



Sgt. W. H. Murr, R.C.A.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Murrell, 1221 Rudlin Street, who recently completed a course in air gunnery, has arrived in England for overseas duty.

'Y' Plans Stag Dance  
For New Year's Eve

Annual Y.M.C.A. New Year's dance, which boys and girls may attend stag, will be held at the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium from 9 to 2 New Year's eve.

Novelty numbers, a floor show and refreshments have been planned for the frolic sponsored by the young people's groups of the 'Y'.

5 Japs in 5 Minutes  
Bagged By U.S. Flier

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho (AP)—Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hanks said today they had received word that their son, Lieut. E. R. Hanks, U.S. naval fighter pilot, had been commended by his commanding officer for shooting down five of 12 Japanese Zeros during a raid on the Marshall Islands—all in five minutes.



THAT CHRISTMAS SPIRIT—Cwags away from home at yuletide have the fun of a Christmas tree. Here are L.Cpl. Margo Johnston of Vancouver, left, and Pte. Laurie Brake of Victoria, right, as they decorate the tree in the barracks' recreation room.

Move to Overcome  
Priory Injunction

Status of the injunction secured by the Society of the Love of Jesus restraining Russell S. Smart, real property administrator, from taking over the former James Bay Hotel, now operated as a private nursing home under the name of St. Mary's Priory, was argued before Mr. Justice A. D. Macfarlane in Supreme Court chambers today.

The legal point involved will be argued again next Wednesday. J. B. Clearhugh, K.C., seeking dismissal of the action which resulted in the injunction, listed sweeping powers granted by order-in-council to the real property administrator under the War Measures Act. Counsel claimed the board could take over leasehold interests in the structure, under powers requiring persons to offer to let any real property to a person designated by the board and that failure to comply could be followed by an order to vacate.

In the case in court, the housing administrator was the person designated. He called for use of the hotel to meet pressing housing needs in Victoria. By order-in-council, Mr. Clearhugh continued, the person designated by the board could not become liable for action through performance of the order and no injunction could be secured.

On those grounds, he contended, the injunction action was frivolous and vexatious and should be dismissed.

Joseph McKenna, appearing for the priory interests, contended the seriousness of the matter, and the drastic act on the part of the state should be open to test in the courts.

He held the representative of the federal board could only purport to do what the board had authority to do.

Mr. Justice Macfarlane suggested the point at issue was whether the action is competent or not. At his suggestion counsel secured the adjournment to prepare argument on that point in Chambers next week.

Basic Industries  
Decrease in Value

B.C.'s basic industries are expected to be worth about \$293,500,000 this year, according to an unofficial survey of government departments.

Agricultural wealth is expected to be up; lumbering returns will be about the same; fishing and mining will be down.

Manpower shortages are blamed for the drop of about \$3,500,000 in the value of the four industries this year.

Last year the mining industry returned \$75,000,000; this year the figure will be about \$63,000,000. Fisheries value will be about \$32,500,000; last year it was \$38,000,000. Lumbering returns will be about the same—\$120,000,000.

Agricultural wealth is expected to be \$78,000,000, compared with \$63,000,000 last year. This is in addition to production in Victory Gardens—estimated by Ottawa authorities to have been worth about \$4,000,000 in B.C.

China Puppet  
Recuperates

NEW YORK (AP)—A Tokyo broadcast said today that Wang Ching-wei, head of the Japanese puppet Nanking government, had undergone an operation for removal of a bullet carried in his body since an attempt was made on his life in 1935. The broadcast said his "complete recovery" could be expected "within 10 days."

## TOWN TOPICS

Police Wednesday afternoon warned two boys who had set a fire in a garage near Bay Street.

St. Mark's Sunday school Christmas entertainment will be held on Monday at 7.30 in the Parish Hall.

Slight damage was caused at 9.50 Wednesday night by a fire which broke out under the grate in the living-room at the home of L. J. Muirhead, at 1315 Minto Street. City firemen attended for 30 minutes.

Two young men, driving an unlicensed sedan, snatched a purse from the hands of Mrs. A. Brighton, 2548 Blanshard Street, at Bay and Blanshard, at 11.36 Wednesday night. The purse contained ration books and \$5, she told police.

U.S. Leaders Hint  
Europe Invasion  
In Next Few Weeks

WASHINGTON (AP)—Hinting at offensives far greater and more costly than any yet undertaken by Anglo-American arms, one of the U.S. government's highest executives predicted American battle casualties in the next 90 days would more than triple the total for two years of war.

That would push the total of dead, wounded, missing and prisoners, which now stands at around 132,000, well past the 500,000 mark.

The forecast appeared to contemplate a full-scale assault on the European continent within a matter of weeks and perhaps additional smashes at Japanese strongholds in the Pacific, where softening-up processes already have been applied.

The warning comes at a time when the top strata of government officials, including President Roosevelt, is represented as perturbed over what it calls complacency on the home front and fearful that the people are ill-prepared for news of war operations tremendously costly in lives.

While printed and spoken words thus far have failed to arouse the people to the significance of the war, some officials believe, pictorial evidence of the horrors of the conflict may help bring about a partial awakening. Consequently, official motion pictures of the marine conquest of Tarawa Atoll in the Gilbert Islands may be released.

Y.M.C.A. Phalanx Club  
Holds Annual Dinner

Annual Christmas dinner of the Y.M.C.A. Phalanx Club was held Wednesday night at the Y.M.C.A. building. Club activities during 1943 were reviewed by Jack Syme, retiring president. Other talks were given by Archie Morrison, boys' work secretary, and Grant Peterson of the board of directors.

A sing-song was held during the dinner and toasts were drunk to the King, the Phalanx, absent members, the Y.M.C.A. and the club's boys' work.

Election of officers will be held next week.

## Engineers' Executive

Provincial government order-in-council this week appoints the following as members of the executive council of the Association of Professional Engineers of British Columbia:

Professor F. A. Forward, associated professor of metallurgy at U.B.C.; T. H. Crosby, Vancouver; A. H. Robertson, Powell River; G. C. T. Lewis, Britannia Beach.

Victoria Boy  
Gains Fame With  
Victory Prayer Poem

By P.R.  
"A splendid poem that every person in the United Nations should read."

That was the simple phrase used by screen star Greer Garson to describe her reaction to one of the most outstanding pieces of war poetry written to date, "Prayer for Victory," by a Victoria boy, Major R. A. Diespecker of the Canadian Active Army, and published by the Woodword Press Inc., 454 LaSalle Street West, Montreal.

As a matter of fact a great many people in the United Nations have at least heard the poem. Miss Garson herself carried it to thousands of listeners over a CBC national network during the Fifth Victory Loan campaign; millions more Americans have heard it read over the two major networks in the United States, on one occasion by Raymond Massey, Mr. Massey's dramatic voice also gave the poem's inspired message to hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers who jammed into Central Park for a bond rally. Radio listeners in South Africa and Australia have listened to its measured charm. And now, for the first time, it is being published in Canada for general distribution—in response to the heavy demand for permanent copies which has been received from radio listeners.

"Prayer for Victory" is no staggering tome of weighty literature. It is a simple poem—brilliant in its simplicity—that articulates in the deft language of the poet, the ordinary thoughts and hopes of the average person for the world after the war. In its inspirational quality it bids to rival the popularity achieved by "Flanders Fields," of the last war.

With this poem, Major "Dick" Diespecker climbs another step up the ladder of poetical fame in Canada. English-born, brought up and educated in Victoria, later known as an outstanding west coast Canadian newspaper, advertising and radio man, he has been writing poetry since the age of eight. He joined the army in 1940, spent two years as an artillery officer in British Columbia, and is now overseas. Major Diespecker has voluntarily offered all royalties from this publication of his poem to the Canadian Red Cross. Thus presented in printed form for the first time, "Prayer for Victory" is being distributed to newsstands and book stores across Canada.

Hostess Dance  
For Troops Tonight

Tonight's big Christmas-week party for the boys and girls in uniform and their sweethearts will be at the Victoria Hostess Club, Fort and Cook Streets, starting at 8.30. Bunk McEwen's dance orchestra will be the feature.

Scheduled are these Christmas events for service folk:

## THURSDAY

Knights of Columbus—Movies at 7.30.

Victoria Hostess Club—Dance at 8.30.

Y.M.C.A. Hut—Movies from 5.30 to 7.30.

## FRIDAY

Y.M.C.A. Hut—Dance for soldiers only.

## SATURDAY

Prince Robert House—Christmas dinner at noon and Christmas tree.

Sally Ann—Christmas party and amateur hours with gifts from tree.

Knights of Columbus—Christmas dinner in evening.

Victoria Hostess Club—Dance with Stan Porter's orchestra and free holiday refreshments.

Y.M.C.A. Hut—Open from noon for coffee, sandwiches and movies.

British Service Centre—Dance with hostess supplied for all men in uniform, 8.30 p.m.

## New B.C. Companies

New companies incorporated at the Parliament Buildings in recent days include the following:

River Sawmill Ltd., \$100,000, Vancouver; Sea Island Holdings Ltd., \$50,000, Vancouver; Samuel Kostman Ltd., 10,000 shares N.P.V., Vancouver; Advance Engineering Ltd., \$10,000, Vancouver; Duncan Harwood and Co. Ltd., \$10,000, Vancouver; Fed Piper Exterminating and Fungiciding Co. Ltd., \$10,000, Vancouver; Cotton Lane Ltd., \$10,000, Vancouver.

Registered under the Societies Act were the New Vista Society, Vancouver, and West Vancouver Youth Centre.

## Guilty of dangerous driving

Dec. 18 at Johnson and Douglas, James Thomas was fined \$25 in city court today. Constable Arthur Jones said Thomas backed his car across a pedestrian lane striking a R.C.A.F. (W.D.) officer who was uninjured.



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Vancouver Fog Halts  
Turkey Shipments

If you can't have turkey for New Year's—blame it on the fog in Vancouver.

A survey of meat wholesalers and dealers in Victoria today, revealed that the fog enshrouding the mainland city for 10 days has held up and delayed trains carrying birds from Alberta and Saskatchewan.

"All foodstuffs in general have been affected by the situation, meat and butter included," member of one wholesale house said today. "It's been a hard job getting stuff through for the last 10 days to two weeks."

"We have plenty of turkeys in Vancouver now though, and they are beginning to roll in."

Another large Victoria wholesale house, however, has had to cut its orders for New Year's turkeys nearly in half and a spokesman said that the situation for New Year's was not so promising as the Christmas turkey deal.

Inability to obtain enough turkeys in the first place and the fog in Vancouver delaying some of the shipments is responsible for another meat wholesaler cutting down his orders by 100,000 pounds.

"No, we have not been able to supply all our regular customers. It has been impossible to get enough turkeys and then the fog in Vancouver has aggravated the situation," he said.

"There may be just enough turkeys to go around but many B and C grades have had to be sold because not sufficient A grades were available."

One large city retailer, however, takes a hopeful view of the situation, feeling that more turkeys will be coming in, in time for New Year's.

"They always do," was his comment. "I'll be able to handle my customers' demands."

2 Passengers Hurt  
As Autos Collide

C. Winchester, 1259 Pandora, and C. Easton, 1025 Johnson, were taken to Royal Jubilee Hospital by city police at 7.45 this morning suffering injuries received when the car in which they were riding and a car driven by Grover C. Donaldson, collided at Government and Toronto.

Police said Winchester suffered abdominal injuries, as yet undetermined, while Easton suffered possible fractured ribs. They are being attended by Dr. H. Robertson.

The injured men were passengers in a car police said was driven by Albert E. Drewery, 1425 Fernwood, A. Easton, 1259 Pandora, and L. N. Hancock, 1327



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# Canadians in Italy Have Scrounging Guides

By 'CAP' ROY THORSEN

WITH THE CANADIAN ARMY IN SICILY—You people back home in Victoria would like little Michele (pronounced Meech) Di Vito. He's a lad of 13 with dark hair and nice brown eyes with longish lashes and a shy smile. He's my scrounging guide and a good one. Michele is clever and has a knack of getting what you mean. He's had three years schooling, quite a luxury apparently in this south land, where illiteracy is prevalent. He gets my chocolate ration regularly. Candy, chocolate and our hardback biscuit are a real treat to the youngsters.

## DISEASE-RIDDEN TOWNS

As in Sicily, the southern pleasant towns of the Boot are a deplorable sight. Sanitary conditions are terrible. The unpaved sidewalks reek with refuse which cover them; animals here, too, board with the people; children with nasty looking sores on their faces, feet and hands, on which the filthy flies prey; babes-in-cradle with rashes and sores. . . . If one argues it fairly he can see the "keep out" order for troops is for his own protection in these towns for we are susceptible to disease of a varied nature. We have seen but two modern towns in Italy and it is a treat to the eyes to see modern architecture after viewing so many unsightly towns. Many towns here are also built on hill and mountain tops, a scene which we often saw in Sicily.

It is a shame to see such conditions in this beautiful Italy, which boasts monuments of art of the highest beauty.

## BEEN TO U.S. AND CANADA

In our Sicilian and Italian travels it has been surprising the number of old-timers we met who have been to America and Canada. It is not uncommon to hear some old gent call after our speeding vehicle: "How are you, boys? Good luck."

On the whole I've found the



HOW ABOUT SATURDAY NIGHT SIGNORINA?—In the best accepted boy-meets-girl manner, Canadian soldiers unroll their line of chatter for the benefit of a coy and smiling group of Italian signorinas in Avigliano. They are like the four lovely daughters "Cap" Thorsen mentions in today's dispatch and others he has written of previously. Back of the crowd at the corner of the picture is "Cap's" scrounging guide—little Michele—and "a good one too."

people in the Boot and Football friendly toward us. Many times I've yelled a "Buon giorno" to an old boy and been "hallowed" right back. It is interesting to talk to them although a great many have been back so long they've forgotten most of their English lingo. I find most of them were New Yorkers or Bostonians during their stay in the States. Have bumped into one who lived in Vancouver (and who had four lovely daughters); another had lived five years in Montreal. Why do they return

to lead this kind of a life on the white dust surface which leaves one looking like "Snow White" after a few miles in trucks. . . . The roads through the mountains twist back and forth endlessly to reach the top of the hills and mountains. They are a tough pull when traveling on "Shank's ponies." You can see the white road twisting many miles ahead of you, prompting Sudbur's Don Cameron to say: "Now I know where the song, 'Long, Long Trail Awaiting' originated." (March humor sometimes is quite laughable.)

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WASHINGTON (AP)—President Roosevelt today signed legislation freezing social security taxes at the present rate of 1 per cent for 60 days starting Jan. 1 and permitting the duty free importation for 90 days of grains to be used for feed.

The legislation originally dealt only with the grain imports—designed to ease a shortage of feed for livestock—but a rider was attached in the Senate to prevent the scheduled doubling of social security taxes at Jan. 1, the idea being to give Congress time to dispose of the new revenue bill before deciding about the social security rates.

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